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TO: Sue Linner, Permit Supervisor

FROM: Lynn Kunzler, Reclamation Biologist *LK*

RE: Exploration Drilling, Soldier Creek Coal Company, Soldier Canyon Mine, ACT/007/018 - 88A, Folder #2, Carbon Co. Utah

Summary

The above referenced plan to drill 5 exploration holes at the Soldier Canyon Mine has been reviewed and found to be complete and adequate for approval.

Analysis

The main issue from a biological perspective is the proximity of the drilling to two known golden eagle nests. The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources has evaluated the proposed action and has determined that the drilling will not have an adverse impact on the nest, whether they are active or not, due to the close proximity of the drilling to the active mine and the fact that there is a ridge between the nests and the proposed drilling.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the drilling plan be approved.

cc: J. Leatherwood
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