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3400
(U-066)Moab District
Price River Resource Area
900 North 700 East
Price, Utah 84501

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. Daron R. Haddock
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
355 West North Temple
3 Triad Center, Suite 350
Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203RE: Topsoil Storage Site; Permit Revision Package, Soldier Creek Coal
Company, Soldier Canyon Mine, ACT/007/018-90-1, Folder #2, Carbon County,
Utah

Dear Mr. Haddock:

We have reviewed the permit revision package for the subject case and offer the following comments. The project area is located within critical deer winter habitat. Bureau of Land Management planning guidelines for this area require that major construction operations occur outside the critical period for wintering mule deer (11-1 through 5-15). To the extent possible, we would like to see any major construction operations occur outside this winter period.

The sensitive plant species *Hedysarum occidentale* var. *canone* has been noted in this area. We would like to see a negative declaration in the vegetation section that the proposed project would not impact this plant.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mark Mackiewicz of my staff at 637-4584.

Sincerely yours,

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Area Manager

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