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March 24, 1980

Mr. Bob Shields  
U.S Fish and Wildlife Service  
Room 311, Federal Building  
125 South State Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84138

Attn: Mr. Clark Johnson

Re: Beaver Creek Coal Company  
Castle Valley Spur  
ACT/007/022  
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Shields:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining hereby requests a consultation with your agency for your recommendations on the nature and level of detail of fish and wildlife resources information to be provided by Beaver Creek Coal Company for its permanent permit application pursuant to UMC 783.20 of the Utah Coal Mining Regulations.

The applicant currently operates the Castle Valley Spur in Carbon County. The area under Beaver Creek Company control at Castle Valley Spur is 160 acres, located approximately 5 miles southeast of Price, Utah. Of this amount, approximately 84.33 acres are considered involved in the disturbed area. Coal is hauled from the mine sites to Castle Valley Spur.

There the coal will be weighed as it is brought in and the dumped into an underground hopper. The raw coal will be crushed to -3" and loaded onto a covered conveyor, where it is deposited into a coal stacking tube and stockpiled. The raw coal is then drawn from this pile through underground feeders, onto a cover conveyor and fed into the preparation plant. The cleaned coal is taken from the plant via a covered conveyor, and again placed into a stacking tube. This coal is recovered via underground feeders, and carried by a covered conveyor to a totally enclosed 10,000-ton silo for unit-train loading. The refuse from coal cleaning is disposed on site.

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The legal discription of the mine site is the sw  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11,  
T. 15S., R. 10E., SLBM.

The projected use-life of this spur is 40 years.

The Division is looking for a 30 day turn-around time for replies  
to this consultation request. Thank you for your input.

Sincerely,

*Sandy Purey*

*for*

MARY ANN WRIGHT  
RECLAMATION BIOLOGIST

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cc: O.S.M., Denver