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Mr. Melvin T. Smith
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RE: Castle Valley Spur
ARCO Coal Company
ACT/007/022
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Smith:

Enclosed please find a copy of the cultural and historic portions of the Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) referenced above. This MRP is forwarded for review by the Division of State History in accordance with our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

As you may recall, the MOU between our Divisions' calls for the following:

B. Mining Plan:

1. Upon submission of a coal mining and reclamation plan to the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining, the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining will notify the SHPO in writing of the need for consultation and evaluation of the plan with respect to historic and cultural resources. The Division of Oil, Gas & Mining will provide a copy of the relevant portion of the plan to the SHPO.

2. The SHPO will respond to the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining in writing within 30 days of receipt of the notification. The SHPO will include in such response an evaluation of the adequacy or inadequacy of the plan submitted by the operator to avoid, ameliorate or mitigate impacts of the proposed operation on historic and cultural resources.

3. Where the proposed mining plan, will, in the judgment of the SHPO, adversely effect sites listed on, or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, the SHPO shall proceed pursuant to 36 CFR 800. The SHPO will further assist the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining in its requirements set forth in MC 761.12(f) of the Coal Mining Regulations and make recommendations for survey and mitigation as appropriate.

The Division appreciates your cooperation and asks that all comments and communications, regarding the mining and reclamation plan review, be channeled through this office to allow a single set of stipulations and requirements to be sent to the operator. If you have any questions, please contact myself or Mary Ann Wright of my staff.

Sincerely,

JAMES W. SMITH, JR.
COORDINATOR OF MINED
LAND DEVELOPMENT

Enclosure: Cultural-Historical Portion--MRP

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