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OIL, GAS & MININGMr Brent Stettler  
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Dear Brent:

In regards to mitigation for deer winter range losses that is being required of Andalex Resources at their Wildcat Loadout, the following is offered for your information.

Andalex's takeover of the loadout area resulted in 24 acres of new disturbance within the permit boundary. Another 12 acres of new disturbance resulted from facility development involving the BLM right-of-way (Permit No. U-52810) and their BLM material borrow area (Temporary Use Permit No. U-48027). These disturbances totaled 36 acres for which 21 acres of partial mitigation was completed in 1984. Currently, 15 acres of mitigation is still needed.

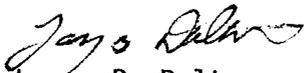
BLM and DWR have been in consultation with the company concerning this issue. Two alternatives have been selected either of which, if accomplished by the company, would satisfy the mitigation requirement: (1) A rangeland treatment on BLM land to create 15 acres of browse interseeding through use of BLM's brushland plow and rangeland drill is satisfactory. The preferred site is a chained area proximal and immediately west of the loadout facility. It would result in replacement of the lost forage from facility development. (2) Installation of a 2,100 gallon guzzler on BLM land in S 1/2 Sec. 6, T 14 S, R 9 E, Carbon County, Utah, SLBM is also satisfactory. Such a guzzler should have a heavy duty top and an exterior trough. The guzzler would hold big game in an area with surplus forage that is not currently utilized due to a lack of water.

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Brent, the Company will need to negotiate preparation on an environmental assessment report for either of these projects with BLM's Price River Resource Area office.

Thank you for an opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,



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