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Attention: John Whitehead

Dear Dianne:

The Division has evaluated Andalex Resources' permit application package for a Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) at the Wildcat loadout. The following comments are provided for your information.

The MRP from a wildlife perspective is accurate and well prepared. The entire 115 acre lease area is being utilized and therefore represents a loss of critical valued deer and elk winter range. Appendix F identified a 13 acre mitigation (vegetation enhancement) project that has since been completed. This was compensation for the 12.5 acres leased by Andalex to Utah Rail and developed under BLM Right-of-Way Permit No. U-52810 and temporary Use Permit U-48027. As a result, mitigation to offset loss of 100 acres critical valued by game winter range needs to be planned and accomplished.

Thank you for an opportunity to review and provide comment.

Sincerely,

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Acting Director  
William H. Geer  
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