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Moab District  
Price River/San Rafael Resource Area  
125 South 600 West  
P.O. Box 7004  
Price, Utah 84501

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UTU-73975  
(UT-066)

Memorandum

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To: State Director, Utah (UT-923)

From: Area Manager

Subject: Coal Lease Application UTU-73975, Willow Creek North Tract, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation

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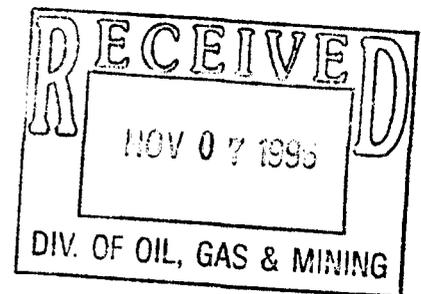
Attached is a copy of the completed environmental assessment (EA) for the subject coal lease tract, along with the signed decision record and finding of no significant impact (DR/FONSI). Please note an additional lease stipulation was recommended. Along with the DR/FONSI, we have determined that leasing the tract would be in conformance with the current land use plan. Also, please note that the correct lease number is UTU-73975, and any previous or current reference to any other lease number in any documents is incorrect.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Falk of my staff at 636-3600.

**MARK E. BAILEY**

Attachment  
EA

cc: Office of Surface Mining (w/attach.)  
Reclamation and Enforcement  
1999 Broadway, Suite 3320  
Denver, Colorado 80202-5733  
✓ Utah Division of Oil Gas and Mining (w/attach.)  
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210  
Box 14801  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801



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4. The proposed lease tract would provide access to significant coal reserves adjacent to existing Federal coal leases where mining applications are pending and would avoid potential coal bypass.

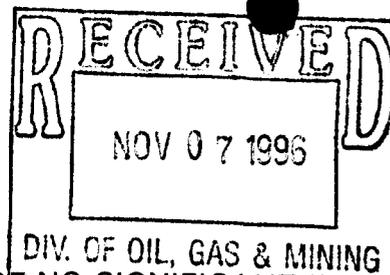
Finding of No Significant Impact: Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

Mack E. Bailey  
Area Manager

28 Oct 96  
Date

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIRED LEASE STIPULATION

Before any mine related subsidence occurs on the lease, the lessee shall conduct additional cultural resource inventories of the tract with consultation from the Bureau of Land Management.



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DECISION RECORD/FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

EA Log No.: UT-066-95-28

Project Name: Willow Creek North  
Coal Lease Tract

EA Preparation Date: August 23, 1996

BLM Office: Price River Resource Area

County: Carbon

BLM Office Location: Price, Utah

Phone No.: (801) 636-3600

Applicant: Cyprus Plateau Mining Corp.

Phone No.: (801) 637-2875

Address: P. O. Drawer PMC  
Price, Utah 84501

EA Preparer: TerraMatrix Inc.

Phone No.: (970) 879-6260

Address: P. O. Box 774018  
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477

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RECORD OF DECISION

Decision:

My decision is to recommend holding a lease sale of the Federal coal lease application with the existing standard lease stipulations plus on additional stipulation listed below. The authority for the lease sale is under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended.

Rationale:

1. The action is not adverse to local, state or Federal land use plans for the area.
2. The proposed action is in conformance with the Price River Planning Area Management Framework Plan.
3. The proposed action would not cause any significant environmental impacts.

## ADDENDUM TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

### WILLOW CREEK NORTH COAL LEASE TRACT

In analyzing the impacts of mining to historic and cultural resources, it became clear that the full impacts were largely unknown. Cultural resource inventories of the lease tract area are notable sparse and deemed insufficient to make a determination of impacts. Also, it is unknown the extent of mine subsidence on this new tract, as former operations in the area observed little subsidence from mining but comprehensive monitoring was not done. Mitigating this deficiency in data could be accomplished by additional inventories of the lease tract area. It is recommended to add a stipulation to the lease terms to require additional cultural inventories before mining subsidence occurs.