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RE: Willow Creek Mine Project/Castle Gate Mine Site (42CB1000)

ACT/007/038 #2

In Reply Please Refer to Case No. 95-0817

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

The Utah State Historic Preservation Office received the above referenced report. After consideration of the Sagebrush report, the Utah Preservation Office makes the following recommendation to DOGM.

1. As a state mine case the consultation is being completed under UCA 9-8, and our office advises that it appears that five features of the 42CB 1000 cannot be avoided by the project, therefore there will be an Adverse Effect.

2. Our office therefore recommends that data recovery be carried out to mitigate the effects expected to occur to the five features on the mine property. For features 5, 10, 61, and 65, our office recommends that large format photographs be taken of the structures for state level documentation to the Historic American Engineering Record standards. Second, it is recommended that efforts be made to locate and reproduce historic photographs of the features. Third, for all of the features, including Feature 20, it is recommended that historic research be undertaken and a historical narrative be completed. Lastly it recommended that feature 20, a dugout structure of unknown origin or function be excavated to archaeological standards in order to establish its relationship to the Castle Gate Mine and mitigate effect.

3. If the mitigation standards are acceptable to all parties, then a letter of agreement or permit stipulation should be issued for the project as part of the permit. Our office will review the report when it is completed and make recommendations to DOGM as to the acceptability of the mitigation. No work on these features should be undertaken until the report has been accepted.

4. If the mine is later permitted under federal law, these state mitigation measures may or may not be acceptable to OSM, and additional mitigation and legal review for historic features would need to be carried out under federal law as outlined by 36CFR 800 and appropriate OSM regulation.

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As ever,

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