

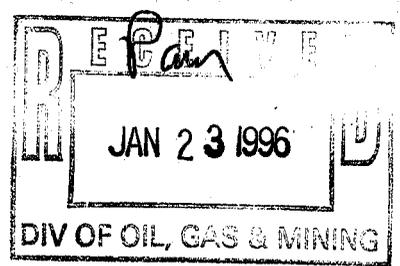
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Subject: Review of the Castle Gate Mine, Willow Creek Refuse Removal Project Plan

Dear Mr. Carter:

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (Division) has reviewed this mine permit amendment and submits the following comments.

- The Division should be included in the list of agencies to be notified if any petroleum or refuse spills enter the stream.
- Cyprus Plateau has been working with the Division in locating and monitoring raptor nests in the permit area. If nesting raptors are found, we request that no work be allowed within one-half mile of the nest from February 15 to July 15 of the year. This will ensure proper raptor nesting and subsequent raising of the young.
- Both deer and elk frequent the area, especially during the winter. The area is a narrow canyon bordered by a heavily traveled road. To reduce big game use near the road, highly palatable plants, such as alfalfa and Kochia, should be excluded from the reseeding mix. Salina wildrye, a grass native to the area and low in palatability, should be added to the reseed mixture.
- We were unable to evaluate the Willow Creek Culvert's impact on wildlife. The cover sheet for APPENDIX 12-7-5, STATE ENGINEER'S APPROVAL OF WILLOW CREEK CULVERT, was included in the document, but no pages followed.



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Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this permit renewal. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Ben Morris or Bill Bates in our Southeastern Regional Office at (801) 637-3310.

Sincerely,



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Director