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James Dykman
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Re: Request for Consultation, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, PRO/007/038, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Dykman:

As you are aware, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation is proposing to open a coal mine adjacent to Willow Creek just northeast of its confluence with the Price River. Several cultural/historical resource sites have been identified in the area, most associated with the town of Castle Gate and the Castle Gate Mines. Two of these were recommended by Cyprus' consultant as being eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

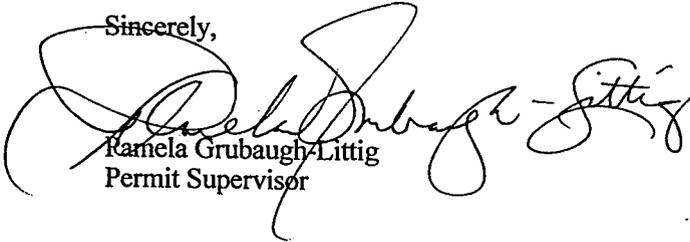
We previously forwarded to you a copy of the permit application package containing results of a cultural resources evaluation. We recently received two additional studies that supplement the first. These are included with this letter. Also enclosed is a copy of a mitigation plan developed by Sagebrush Archaeological Consultants included in a letter addressed to you.

We request your concurrence with the mitigation plan for 42Cb1000. We also need your concurrence that site 42Cb1027 is not eligible for listing and can be disturbed. Cyprus does not intend to disturb site 42Cb1001.

Would it be possible to quickly (a few days) obtain an approval letter for sites 42Cb1001 and 42Cb1027? Realizing that it will probably take longer to evaluate 42Cb1000 and the mitigation plan, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is planning to issue a permit with a stipulation that none of the 65 features associated with site 42Cb1000 be disturbed until we have your concurrence with Sagebrush Archaeological Consultants' recommendations about which of the features are considered contributing or noncontributing elements of the site. Please let us know what concerns you have about us doing this and what recommendations you would make. The permit will have the standard "discovery clause" stipulation.

Please don't hesitate to call if you need further information. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Supervisor

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