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THRU: Daron Haddock, Permit Supervisor *NOQZ*

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RE: Coal Storage Expansion Area, Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, ACT/007/038-971, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

SUMMARY:

Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation has submitted an application to alter its mining and reclamation plan for the Willow Creek Mine. The proposal is to expand the coal stockpile area at the Castle Gate Preparation Plant, and it mainly affects drainage designs and soils. The applicant did not submit any new cultural resources information, and it does not appear the existing plan contains information about this area.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES INFORMATION

Regulatory Reference: R645-301-411.140

Analysis:

The applicant is proposing to expand its coal storage area into an undisturbed area. The application did not include new cultural resources information, and the existing mining and reclamation plan does not appear to have this information.

The application is required to contain maps as described under R645-301-411.141 and a supporting narrative which describe the nature of cultural and historic resources listed or

eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and known archeological sites within the permit and adjacent areas. The description will be based on all available information, including, but not limited to, information from the State Historic Preservation Officer and from local archeological, historic, and cultural preservation agencies.

Because of the proximity of this site to several disturbances, it is likely a cultural resources survey has been done previously and that a literature search would provide necessary information.

The Division and State History cannot determine the potential effect on cultural resources without this information, so an evaluation of potential impacts will need to wait until it is received.

Findings:

Information provided in the proposed amendment is not considered adequate to meet the requirements of this section. Prior to approval, the applicant must provide the following in accordance with:

R645-301-411.140, The applicant needs to provide cultural resources information in compliance with R645-301-411.140. When this information is received, the Division and State History can evaluate it to determine the potential of affecting cultural resources.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Division needs to receive cultural resources information before making a recommendation to the Division of State History whether the proposed project will affect cultural resources.