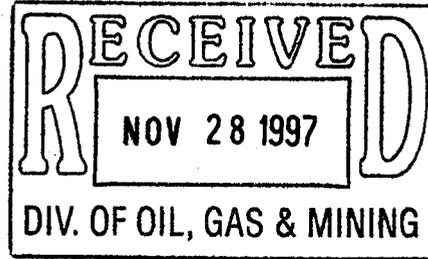


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To Whom It May Concern



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We are writing to voice our concern about the proposed mine in Dug Out Canyon. As adjacent landowner we have several concerns. The first is in the fact that the property line has not been established by surveyors and the fence is not on the line. In the past, when livestock was the use, it was not a large issue, Now the use is changing. We would like the property between Soldier Creek Coal and us surveyed and fenced on the line.

The second concern is the possible loss of surface water on our property, We are aware that some measuring and recording of water flow has been conducted. We would like, as part of this a continued effort of monitoring for spring, summer, and fall run off and spring flow's for several years; so if there is loss of surface water while mining is going on there. This will serve as proof, and monetary compensation can be assessed for the landowners.

The third concern is the noise from the mine fan we would like a major effort made to restrict the noise near our property. With the mine right next to our property we see this as a major problem. We would like to be informed of alternatives and have influence in the decision making on this. We have approximately 6000 acres and we feel this would have a extremely negative effect on the value of the property, on our hunting, and recreation activity. If there is no way to reduce the noise then there should be a nuisance fee assessed. We are very concerned about these issues, and would like correspondence addressing our concerns, before the approval is given.

Sincerely

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