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RE: ML 48435-Coal; Proposed 2004/5 Coal Exploration Program

Dear Mr. Stevenson:

This letter will advise you the Trust Lands Administration conditionally approves of Ark Land Company's 2004/5 coal exploration program, as proposed February 2004, for the lands within coal lease ML 48435 in the Dugout Canyon area. I enclose herewith a copy of comments received from the Utah Resource Development Coordinating Committee regarding the proposed action I request your compliance with Wildlife concerns. Also, prior to the commencement of operations Ark Land Company must:

- 1) Coordinate surface-right entry and usage with the owners of record of the surface estate.
- 2) Obtain a coal exploration permit from the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining (DOG M).

At the conclusion of drilling all boreholes and drill sites must be reclaimed in accordance with DOGM rules. The Trust Lands Administration holds presently holds surety bond # SB0072381 in the principal amount of \$25,000.00 to ensure reclamation.

Please submit a copy of all drill-hole logs and interpretive analysis to the Trust Lands Administration, to my attention, as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

John T. Blake  
Mineral Resources Specialist

CC: Pete Hess ✓

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March 31, 2004

John Blake  
Trust Lands Administration  
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SUBJECT: ML 48435  
Project No. 04-3748

Dear Mr. Blake:

The Resource Development Coordinating Committee (RDCC), representing the State of Utah, has reviewed this proposal. The Division of Wildlife Resources comments:

No map or UTM coordinates were provided with the project proposal, but most of this area is critical summer range for elk and/or mule deer. We are concerned that if this project occurs during spring or early summer, traffic, construction of pads, and drilling could negatively impact the rearing of young elk and mule deer. We therefore request that all activity involving heavy equipment be delayed until after July 5<sup>th</sup> each summer.

If you have any questions, please contact Tony Wright, oil and gas mitigation biologist, at our Price office (435-636-0267).

The Committee appreciates the opportunity to review this proposal. Please direct any other written questions regarding this correspondence to the Resource Development Coordinating Committee at the above address or call Carolyn Wright at (801) 538-5535 or myself at (801) 538-5559.

Sincerely,

John Harja  
Executive Director  
Resource Development Coordinating Committee