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RE: Extent of Westridge Mine Raptor Surveys

Dear Mr. Haddock,

It is our understanding that Westridge mine is in the process of leasing the Whitmore Canyon Coal Tract. This letter is to inform you of the raptor surveys conducted by Westridge Mine and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. In 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001 suitable habitats within the red polygon were surveyed for nesting raptors. We observed 26 golden eagle nests, 3 red-tailed hawk nests, and one falcon nest. In 1999 the area in orange was also surveyed. In this area we observed 2 red-tailed hawk nests and one great-horned owl nest.

We request that the area within the be surveyed again during the May 2002 raptor survey. This will provide up to date data on nesting raptors in the area, and help avoid impacts to these birds.

We have appreciated working closely with Westridge Mine on this survey and other sensitive wildlife issues. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Chris Colt at 435-636-0279.

Sincerely,

Kevin Christopherson
Regional Supervisor

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