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Subject: SHPO Consultation for State Lease Additions ML – 47711 and 49287, West Ridge Resources, Inc., West Ridge Mine, C/007/0041, Task ID # 2187, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Dykman:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is currently reviewing the proposed State Lease additions for the West Ridge Mine. The West Ridge Mine is in Carbon County, Utah. The proposed change is in State Leases ML-47711 and ML-492870, totaling 1682.34 acres. The leases can be located on the Sunnyside 7.5' quadrangle in Township 13 South, Range 13 East, section 36 and Township 14 South, Range 13 East sections 2, 3 and 10. The proposal is an extension of underground mine workings under roughly 2,000 feet of cover.

The Division requests concurrence from SHPO with our determination for this lease modification. The following provides pertinent information that may be useful during the consultation process. The Senco-Phenix literature search for the area resulted in the following surveys:

- 1980, AERC block survey on the SW ¼ of Section 3 T14S, R13E. No cultural resources were located. (Hauck and Weder, 1980)
- 1984, Nickens and Associates surveyed three 160-acre blocks in Sections 34 & 35, T13S, R13E. This project is north of the current project but in similar terrain. No cultural resources were located.
- 1997, Senco-Phenix surveyed 115 block acres and .5 miles of access road in Sections 15 & 16, T14S, R13E. No cultural resources were located. (Senulis, 1997)
- 2003, Senco-Phenix surveyed several more drill hole sites and access roads in Section 24, no cultural resources were located. (Senulis, 2003)

After evaluating the Senco-Phenix (2005) Class I survey for the SITLA lease expansion, the Division believes that the Permittee should not conduct

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additional surveys because:

- The proposed lease addition is not near sites included in or eligible for inclusion in the NRHP, according to previous surveys of adjacent areas.

The Division makes the determination that the action will have “no effect” on historic resources and the Permittee should receive clearance. Final decision concerning the proposed action comes after the Division receives a response from SHPO.

With this additional information, if you have any other comments concerning this proposal, we would appreciate your response no later than June 7, 2005. If you have any questions about this project, please call me at (801) 538-5286, or Joe Helfrich at (801) 538-5290. Thank you for your assistance in this permitting action.

Sincerely,

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