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April 17, 2015

Attn: Daron Haddock  
Permit Supervisor

Re: West Ridge Mine C/007/041  
WR15-005 Raptor Survey Confidential File Location

Dear Mr. Haddock,

Attached you will find the application to replace the cover sheet of Appendix 3-2 with a new cover sheet to indicate the location of the confidential Raptor Surveys. These are kept onsite in a confidential binder to protect the location of active nests.

If you have any questions, or need any additional information regarding this submittal, please contact me directly at 435-888-4026.

Sincerely,

Karin Odendahl  
Engineering Tech  
UtahAmerican Energy, Inc.

# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit Change	<input type="checkbox"/> New Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration	<input type="checkbox"/> Bond Release	Permit Number: ACT/007/41
Title of Proposal: WR 15-005 Raptor Survey Confidential File						Mine: West Ridge
						Permittee: West Ridge Resources, Inc

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement.

**Instructions:** If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), submit the application to the Salt Lake Office. Otherwise, you may submit it to your reclamation

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres Disturbed Area? _____ acres <input type="checkbox"/> increase <input type="checkbox"/> decrease.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO #
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV #
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

**X Attach 1 complete digital copy of the application.**

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein.

*[Signature]*  
 Signed - Name - Position - Date  
**KARIN ODENDARL / ENG TECH / 10.2.15**

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of JUNE, 2015

*[Signature]*  
 Notary Public  
 My Commission Expires: 03.27.17  
 Attest: STATE OF Utah COUNTY OF Carbon



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# Appendix 3-2

## West Ridge Resources

### Raptor Survey

The following pages are the Initial Raptor Survey, conducted in June 1997.  
It has been kept in this permit for historical purposes, along with an  
additional Raptor Survey which was conducted in  
June 2004 (Appendix 3-2a).

Current Raptor Surveys can be located on-site, in the  
Confidential Raptor Survey Binder.

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storage area and a small part of the mine material storage yard. Once the topsoil pile has been established there will be minimal activity in this portion of the mine yard. During the May 1998, DWR personnel evaluated the nest locations with respect to the location of the topsoil stockpile area in order to evaluate the potential impacts of the mine construction and operation. It was determined that, due to the visual screening between the nests and the mine site offered by the high trees and the cliff lines within the canyon, mine construction/operation would have no effect on the nest sites in the right fork of C Canyon. A site specific buffer zone was established for the nest sites in C Canyon and is depicted on Map 3-4A. The site specific buffer zone was addressed and recommended in the EA prepared by the BLM. Since the mine site disturbance will be outside of the site specific buffer zone, a take permit will not be required for the nests in the right fork. Mine construction and operation can proceed outside the site specific buffer zone and the construction season will not be affected. DWR did recommend however, that annual monitoring be continued for the C Canyon area.

The same raptor survey (DWR, 1997) also re-located an inactive golden eagle nest in the left fork of C Canyon in the southeast quarter of Section 10, T 14 S, R 13 E. Most of the minesite lies within ½ mile of this nest. Because this nest site has been inactive when it has been monitored during raptor surveys conducted in 1981, 1997 and 1998, it is classified as abandoned under the established BLM guidelines and no take permit is required. Mine construction and operation will not negatively impact this nest.

In the spring of 2001, DWR conducted its annual raptor survey of the West Ridge mine area. (Refer to Appendix 3-10 for the results of this survey.) The survey included the cliff escarpments and canyons within the permit area southwest of West Ridge. It is this area that contains the majority of raptor nesting activity and is the area underlain by current active mining operations. The Whitmore Canyon area on the northeast side of West Ridge was not covered during this latest survey although it has been covered within the last several years. The Whitmore Canyon area contains considerably less nesting activity than the area southwest of the ridge and mining related subsidence is not scheduled to occur in this area until the year 2005. WEST RIDGE Resources will coordinate with DWR to ensure that the Whitmore Canyon area is included in the annual raptor survey prior to mining in this area. An updated raptor survey (June 17, 2004) has been included in Appendix 3-2A.

The proposed topsoil borrow area is a site that may be utilized at the time of final reclamation if need. Because it is fairly likely that the proposed topsoil borrow area will not be required for final reclamation, the operator commits to mitigate for the disturbance when and if it occurs.

In coordination with DWR, WEST RIDGE Resources, Inc. commits to conducting wildlife education sessions for their employees and their contractor's employees to develop an awareness of the wildlife in the area.

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