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Mr. James W. Smith
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Dear Mr. Smith:

Enclosed are copies of Federal Agency comments Lynn Kunzler requested from our files. These are from Jack Moffitt, Area Mining Supervisor, the Acting BLM District Manager. The Office of Surface Mining's ACR comments were submitted to your office earlier.

Should you have any questions, please contact Raymond Blake at (303) 837-5656.

Sincerely,

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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Office of Surface Mining, Denver, Colorado

From: District Manager, Moab

Subject: Mine Plan Review

The following comments are provided for the listed mine plans:

U. S. Steel's Geneva Mine

1. Vegetation Section - The existing environment is insufficient in regards to cover, composition, density, invader species and threatened and endangered species. Mapsare not provided that show range sites. In discussing potential for rehabilitation, descriptions should show production and cover and if species composition is based on cover or production. Discussion on rehabilitation should be based on soil characteristics and not on conversations with BLM and SCS employees. The word "Boutelous" is properly spelled "Bouteloua".

2. Archaeological Section - An archaeological section is not presented.

Price River's No. 3 and 5

1. Vegetation Section - This section is well written and complete.

2. Archaeological Section - The only need for change relates to the "Introduction" wherein the wording "no archaeological sites" and "no cultural inventories" is used. Since cultural inventories are not 100 percent, it should be written as "no known".

Consolidation's Emery Mine

1. Vegetation Section - The term "matscale shrubland" should probably be "mat saltbush shrubland". The scientific name for mat saltbush is Atriplex corrugata.

2. The name Eurotia lanata has been changed to Ceratoides lanata.

Western States Minerals' J. B. King Mine

No comment

Plateau's Star Point No. 2

In regards to advance mining prior to approval of the comprehensive mine plan, we defer development of stipulations to the Forest Service. The Forest Service manages the surface of Plateau's Federal leases.

C. Delano Backus

cc:
State Director, Utah (U-931)