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June 16, 1983

Memo to Coal File:

RE: Raptor Protection on Power Poles
Western States Minerals Corporation
J. B. King Mine
ACT/015/015602
Folder Nos. 7 and 13
Emery County, Utah

On June 14, 1983, Ron Joseph, U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and Mary Boucek, Lynn Kunzler and Joe Helfrich of the Division conducted an inspection of power poles in the J. B. King Mine permit area to determine whether or not they had been constructed in a raptor-proof fashion. The configuration of the poles was found to be such that they could potentially be hazardous to large raptors. This configuration, combined with the desert shrub location of five of the poles (wherein they may be utilized by raptors for perching/hunting sites, being the tallest structures immediately available) will necessitate that these five poles be modified to afford protection to raptors. Recommendations for modification of these poles will be forthcoming shortly from the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service and this information will be transmitted to the operator. Modification of the poles will probably consist of constructing an inverted V in a strategic location on the crossarms, in between the two closest phases, to prevent the birds from utilizing the poles as perching sites.

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Statistics:

See SUFCO memo dated June 16, 1983
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