

March 17, 1983

Mrmo to Coal File:

RE: Western States Minerals Corp.
J.B. King Mine
ACT/015/002 #2
Emery County, Utah

On March 16, 1983, Tom Munson, Ev Hooper and Mary Boucek of the Division visited the J.B. King Mine to become familiar with the site and operations while reviewing the MRP. There was no one at the site to accompany us on a tour of the facilities; the mine is in suspension and has been since May 1981. The most evident problem facing the applicant is the reclamation of refuse and gob piles, particularly since there is a distinct lack of stored topsoil. Another problem may arise from power poles which do not appear to be raptor proof. Due to this mine's location in a desert shrub - pinyon juniper habitat, raptors may find occasion to utilize these structures for perching. The USFWS will conduct an inspection of the area and make recommendation to the Division concerning raptor proving their power poles. In addition to these items, it appears that the old portals are not well secured and could be a safety hazard. Drainage control also appeared to be questionable.

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