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June 17, 1983

Mr. Donald W. Nelson, Manager
Mining Development
Western States Minerals Corporation
Coal Development Group
2417 Regency Road, Suite "D"
Lexington, Kentucky 40502

RE: Raptor Protection on Power Poles
Western States Minerals Corporation
J. B. King Mine
ACT/015/002, Folder No. 13
Emery County, Utah

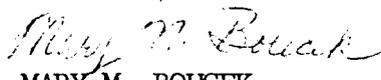
Dear Mr. Nelson:

On June 14, 1983, Mr. Ron Joseph of the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) inspected the power poles on the J. B. King Minesite, accompanied by biologists Lynn Kunzler and Mary Boucek of the Division. Though the Division is not yet in receipt of Mr. Joseph's formal comments, it was felt that the Division should keep your company informed of preliminary findings in the field, for the sake of your future planning.

Approximately five power poles were identified as being potentially hazardous to perching raptors and the Division will soon forward specific recommendations to Western States for modification of these poles to remedy the situation. These modifications are not anticipated to entail a great deal of effort or expense and will probably consist of erecting a structure on the existing crossarms of the five poles in question which will prohibit use by raptors. Western States should not take any further action regarding this matter without further communication from the Division, which will be forthcoming in the very near future.

Should you have any question regarding this situation, please contact Mary Boucek or Lynn Kunzler of the Division.

Sincerely,


MARY M. BOUCEK
RECLAMATION BIOLOGIST

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