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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84138

May 19, 1980

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. Cleon B. Feight, Director  
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining  
1588 West North Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Attention: Mary Ann Wright

RE: Beaver Creek Coal Company  
Huntington Canyon No. 4  
FACT/015/004

Dear Mr. Feight:

The following will be a Fish and Wildlife Service response to the Pre-design Consultation in regard to subject mine permit area.

The development of this particular operation is basically complete. Any disturbance or disruption of wildlife resources has already occurred, therefore, we do not see any need for extensive detailed baseline inventory with the following exceptions.

1. Because this operation has not been operating for an extensive period of time, it would be desirable for the Company to initiate an examination of the permit area to determine if any raptors species have moved into this area during this dormant period. Specifically, we are interested whether any raptor nests have been established in areas that could be possibly disturbed by the re-initiation of mining operations.
2. We suggest that a detailed vegetational map be developed for the permit area.
3. It would be important for the Company, in their mine plan presentation to address the occurrence of any migratory birds of high federal interest that occur on the permit area. We understand that the Utah State Division of Wildlife Resources is developing this type of information and would be available for the Company's use.

This mine permit area is located in the range of the following endangered species.

1. Bald Eagle, Haliaeetus leucocephalus
2. Peregrine Falcon, Falco peregrinus anatum

The Company should ascertain whether any of these species do occur in this permit area.

This completes our comments in regard to the subject mine plan. We would be very happy to participate in further exchanges during the Company's preparation of the fish and wildlife and the reclamation aspects of their mine plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert H. Shields".

Robert H. Shields  
Area Manager