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July 31, 1980

Mr. Robert Shields  
Area Manager  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
1311 Federal Building  
125 South State Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84138

Attn: Mr. Clark Johnson

RE: Pre-design Wildlife Consultation  
Soldier Creek Coal Co.  
ACT/015/022

Dear Mr. Shields:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining hereby requests a consultation from your agency concerning the nature and level of detail of fish and wildlife resources information to be provided by Soldier Creek Coal Co. for their permanent permit application pursuant to UMC 783.20 and SMC 779.20 of the Utah Coal Mining Regulations.

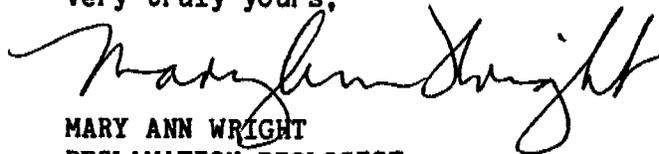
The applicant is currently developing the Hidden Valley Mine on Section 18 and the west 1/2 of Section 17, T 23 S, R 6 E. The total permit area consists of 960 acres with surface disturbance comprising 80 acres. Surface facilities at the site will include a refuse disposal area, a lower portal area with a stockpile and crushing facility, a short conveyor uphill to a preparation plant and loadout site, and office, warehouse and bath facilities. The road to the mine site is controlled by the county. Ownership of both the coal and surface is by Soldier Creek Coal Co.

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A site visit has already been made on July 8, 1980 with Mr. Clark Johnson of your office.

The Division would appreciate your reply within 30 days if possible. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Very truly yours,



MARY ANN WRIGHT  
RECLAMATION BIOLOGIST

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enc.: Two (2) maps.

xc: OSM, Ms. Shirley Lindsay