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Attn: Lee Spencer  
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DIVISION OF  
OIL, GAS & MINING

RE: Mining & Reclamation Plan, Natomas Trail Mountain Coal  
Company, Trail Mountain Mine, Emery County, Utah ACT/015/009

Dear Mr. Spencer:

The Preservation Office has received from the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, the proposed mine and reclamation plan for the Natomas Trail Mountain Coal Company Mine in Emery, Utah. After careful review of the cultural resource portions of the mine, and other areas of the report, our office has the following recommendations for a completeness review by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

The reports cited by the archeological contractor, completed in 1979, concludes that there are no eligible cultural properties which will be affected by the mine plan operations. This may be accurate in many senses, but it seems that the report is very unclear about the relationship of the two rock shelters that were excavated for determinations of eligibility, found not to be eligible, and yet recommended for consideration if the road was to be expanded by the Forest Service in any manner.

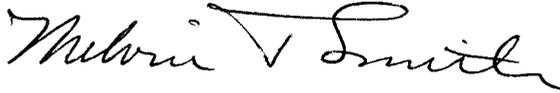
Also, two sites, 42Em1181 and 42Em1182 are mentioned, but there are no site reports located in the state's central cultural resource file. Therefore, our office cannot comment at this time on those two particular sites. Another problem is 42Em1181, the cultural resource contractor rates its significance as low, but notes that 1181 will be destroyed by road development and site salvage through grid sampling should be conducted prior to disturbance.

Due to the changing nature of this mine and owners, there may be some lack of documentation, or confusion on our office's part as to what was meant as original submission as a technical document for this report, but our office cannot make a final recommendation as to the completeness of the report.

This letter is not to be interpreted as a requirement of the applicant, but this information contained can be used at the discretion of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jim Dykmann at 533-7039.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melvin T. Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Melvin T. Smith  
Director and  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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