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Dear Roland:

The state of Utah, Coal Leasing Task Force has reviewed the information relative to emergency coal lease application, Utah 49332, made by Natomas Coal Company. This letter presents the position of the Task Force, and I endorse it as the official state position relative to the offering and issuance of this lease.

As you know, this 641.47 acre lease will enable the company to maintain its current level of production and no new surface disturbance would be required for its development.

The state's view is that the lease sale should proceed as originally scheduled by the BLM with the inclusion of reasonable lease stipulations regarding existing transportation and access issues; recognizing that these issues must be resolved by Emery County, the federal agencies and the operator. It is my intent that the negotiations addressing the concerns of the county and the operator be satisfactorily resolved in accord with state and county transportion and safety standards prior to the approval of the mining and reclamation plan.

I do not wish this position to appear in the least sense as a deterrent to the continued operation of the Trail Mountain Mine. It is my strong belief that the state's coal industry must remain in an active status while enduring the current coal market slump. For this reason, I urge all parties concerned with this issue to deal with the current problem at hand.

If you have questions on this position or need additional information, please contact my office or Ron Daniels, Chairman of the Coal Leasing Task Force.

Sincerely,

Scott

Governor

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