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MEMORANDUM

TO: Fred Bolwahn, Field Supervisor, Endangered Species, FWS,
Salt Lake City, Utah

FROM: Robert Schueneman, Chief, Technical Support Branch *Robert Schueneman*
Office of Surface Mining, Denver, Colorado

SUBJECT: Water Depletion, Trail Mountain Mine
Emery County, Utah

As a result of the recent disclosure by the FWS of the "Windy Gap Process", OSM reviewed the subject mine for water depletions. Our review indicated that the mine operator uses water from the North Fork of Cottonwood Creek for dust control and machinery operation. The amount of water was calculated to be an average of 4.53 acre-feet per year.

OSM hereby requests a biological opinion on the effect of this depletion on the endangered fishes of the Upper Colorado River Basin.