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Attn: John Whitehead

Dear Dianne:

The Division has evaluated Trail Mountain Coal Company's January 20, 1986 Tract 2 lease addition to the Trail Mountain Mine.

Page 17, last paragraph -- Since this coal will be accessed via existing facilities and no new surface facilities are to be developed, our concerns relate only to subsidence. There are numerous springs associated with the new lease area and they are of critical value to local wildlife. A substantial impact will be realized if daily flows at a seep or spring are diminished due to mining related action by 50% between April 1, and October 31 of any year.

Are there areas where potential subsidence from mining could impact an existing cliff raptor nest? If so, the MRP must identify such and mitigation methodology. To date no nests are known in Tract 2.

Thank you for an opportunity to review the MRP and provide comment.

Sincerely,

William H. Geer
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Director

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