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July 14, 1987

MEMORANDUM

To: Administrator, Western Technical Center, Office of Surface Mining, Denver, Colorado

From: Acting State Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Enhancement, Fish and Wildlife Service, Salt Lake City, Utah

Subject: Comments on ~~Tract 2 Lease Addition, Trail Mountain Coal Company, Trail Mountain Mine, Emery County, Utah.~~

Due to a shortage of personnel, we have been unable to review the complete Trail Mountain Mine Reclamation Plan. The following comment is based on the updated material we received with the transmittal letter dated April 8, 1987.

Section 12.4.3: Because of the limited water available to wildlife in the permit area, any reliable source of water is of critical value to wildlife. Reduction of flow in seeps or springs by 50 percent or more due to mining activities must be mitigated. One possible mitigating measure is construction of guzzlers to replace the lost water.

We appreciate this opportunity to comment. If we can be of further assistance, please contact this office.

/s/ Robert G. Russink

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