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Attention: John Whitehead

Dear Dianne:

The Division has evaluated Beaver Coal Company's Amendment (02/15/88) to their updated plans for second mining east of the escarpment in Cottonwood Canyon.

We do not have technical expertise to fully evaluate whether or not subsidence will result in the covering up of high quality wildlife habitat. Therefore, we must accept the Company's premise that subsidence on canyon walls will be limited to "minor rockfalls."

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

Sincerely,

William H. Geer
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Director *Acting Director*

cc: USFWS (SLC)