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Mr. Larry B. Dalton
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Dear Larry:

Consolidation Coal Company operates an underground coal mine in Emery County, several miles south of the town of Emery. This mine will require repermitting under a new coal mining regulatory program which is presently being developed by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. A portion of the permit application must address the wildlife resources of the area where surface disturbance is anticipated. Moreover, the permit must contain a fish and wildlife plan which, when implemented, will serve to protect and enhance wildlife values. To this end, Consol is requesting assistance from the Division of Wildlife Resources and, in particular, from you as the regional biologist.

There are three specific requests which I have identified at this time. The first request is for available wildlife information for the mining area. This information is required per 30 CFR Subpart 783.20. The second request is for assistance in developing a wildlife plan as required by 30 CFR Subpart 784.21. Enclosed are two maps identifying the potential mine plan and disturbance areas.

Since I will be using a wildlife consultant to assist in the wildlife program, the third request is to allow my consultant an opportunity to peruse your wildlife files and obtain copies of specific information and data available for the area of interest. This task can be accomplished in your presence at a time when your workload will least be affected. The goal here is to obtain data which can be incorporated into the fabric of the wildlife discussion and supplement, where necessary, information obtained during fieldwork and your review of the wildlife resources of the area.

In addition to the deep mine discussed above, Consol also controls a block of coal in the area having potential for development by surface mining methods. This area has previously been permitted and will require similar wildlife information to maintain an active permit on this surface mine property. Since much of the effort required for the

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underground mine is useful for the surface mine, it is hoped that the effort can be applied to both cases. The area covered by the surface mining permit is also identified on the enclosed maps.

I sincerely hope these requests will not unduly inconvenience you. I am available at any time to answer your questions or provide clarification with regard to these requests.

Sincerely,



Stephen E. Dole
Manager, Environmental Affairs

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Enclosures
cc: MaryAnn Wright - OGM