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Mr. Jim Smith
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Re: Emery Deep Mine, ACT/015/015, Emery County, Utah

Dear Jim:

The staff of the Utah State Historic Preservation Officer has received, for consideration, the mine plan for the Emery Mine. The mine is located about 4 miles south of Emery in Township 22 and 23, Range 6 East.

This permit is concerned only with the existing Emery Mine. The project area eventually will include three underground mines and two strip mines. There has been an underground mine on the site for 80 years. No new surface facilities will be constructed in this phase. Two sites will be claimed and the road will be graded.

Concerning Cultural Resources:

There's a review in the mine plan of the known general information about historic and prehistoric sites. A field research of 460 acres was conducted during the summer of 1980 by the Archeological-Environmental Research Corporation. Eleven, previously unrecorded, sites were located for a total of 13 sites in the permit area. One of these, the Browning site is historic and the remainder are prehistoric.

No sites were evaluated as presently eligible for the National Register. Six sites were evaluated as potentially eligible. Four of the six were rated for moderate to adverse impact.

Four sites were not evaluated and would require further testing for final determination of eligibility. Two of these sites, including the Browning site, are rated for high potentiality of adverse effect in the total mine plan development.

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Recommendations for avoiding and mitigating adverse effect include oral and written historical research and photographic documentation of the Browning Mine site with limited subsurface testing of the other potentially eligible sites and avoidance of sites within the permit area but outside the surface disturbance.

These recommendations should be considered by the Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining, in consultation with the Office of Surface Mining, in relationship to the development of the mine plan.

It appears that the first stage of work is very limited and there may be no impact. This information may be used by the Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining consultation with the OSM to determine completeness of the mine plan.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 533-7039.

Sincerely,



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State Historic Preservation Officer

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