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Dear Kathy:

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REGARDING: Deer Creek Mine Meetinghouse Canyon Breakout

The breakout area in the North Fork of Meetinghouse Canyon was visited by Jerry Pollock, Emery Mining Corporation (EMC) Chief Surveyor and myself on February 25, 1986. The purpose of the visit was to assess the extent of raptor activity in the area of the breakout. The area is accessible by vehicle to within approximately one (1) mile of the breakout due to remaining snow cover.

No raptors were observed during the trip into the area (9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.). The canyon surrounding the breakout area was examined for potential nest sites. One area of cliffs which appeared to provide potential nest sites was examined from location one (1) as indicated on the accompanying map. No nests were observed.

A pair of golden eagles was observed from location two (2) at 12:30 p.m. The eagles were soaring above the area in the NE¼ of Section 34 approximately 4,500 feet from the breakout area. Further observations of the pairs activity were made from locations three (3) and four (4).

The pair continued soaring within the area indicated on the map until 2:15 p.m., when one member disappeared from view in the area of Section 14. The single eagle remained active within the area until 3:25 p.m., when it flew southeast and was last seen at the approximate location indicated on the map.

During the observation period the pairs' activities were concentrated in the northern portion of the activity area. Their activity in the southern portion consisted of infrequent short-duration soaring flights.

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No raptor activity was observed within approximately 4,500 feet of the breakout area; therefore, it appears that no significant negative impact will occur as a result of the breakout.

If you have questions or require more information please contact me at (801) 687-9821.

Sincerely,

Val Payne
Environmental Engineer

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Enclosure

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