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TO: Coal File

FROM: Brent A. Stettler, Reclamation Biologist BAS

RE: UMC 783.20 Fish and Wildlife Resources Information for the Proposed Waste Rock Disposal Permit Area, Utah Power and Light Company, Deer Creek Mine, ACT/015/018, Emery County, Utah

On December 21, 1987, I telephoned Clark Johnson of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) about the kind of wildlife studies and level of detail he would like to see for Utah Power and Light Company's proposed waste rock disposal site (T.17S, R.8E, S.6NE), located near the Huntington Power Plant.

Mr. Johnson had been unable to personally visit the site, but knew of it through Lynn Kunzler, Division biologist, who described the site as being of marginal quality. Mr. Johnson felt that site-specific wildlife studies were unnecessary, based on hear-say information. He portrayed the USFWS as being more interested in wildlife-oriented reclamation. Specifically, he expressed concern that: (1) the site be adequately reclaimed; (2) reclamation include shrubs and forbs beneficial to wildlife; and (3) the reclaimed surface be contoured to provide topographic variation for micro-habitat development.

Mr. Johnson approved of my using our telephone conversation to satisfy UMC 783.20(c), requiring the Division to consult with a federal fish and wildlife management agency.

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cc: C. Johnson, USFWS
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