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Dear Pam:

The Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) has reviewed the proposed Incidental Boundary Change (IBC) for PacifiCorp's Deer Creek Mine (ACT/015/018-92F) in Emery County. We have the following comments and recommendations regarding this proposed change.

The area of the proposed boundary change provides habitat for a wide variety of wildlife species. DWR's primary concern is that subsidence caused by underground mining may impact wildlife habitat. Val Payne, UP&L's environmental engineer, indicated that no second mining would occur, only the development of the entries. The potential for subsidence would be greatly minimized under these conditions. In addition, UP&L's current subsidence monitoring covers the area of the proposed IBC. Any impacts to wildlife habitat due to subsidence would be detected under this program and appropriate action initiated. DWR supports this monitoring program.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this action. If you have any questions concerning our comments, please contact Ken Phippen, Regional Habitat Manager (637-3310).

Sincerely,

Timothy H. Provan
Director

