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Utah Coal Regulatory Program
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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Attention: Mr. Daron R. Haddock

*Route to Daron, then
and Susan
file # 2*

**RE: RILDA CANYON FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION, WILDLIFE MONITORING,
PACIFICORP, DEER CREEK MINE, ACT/015/018, EMERY COUNTY, UTAH**

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, commits to comply with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources' wildlife monitoring stipulations attached hereto. Said stipulations result from a meeting between Mr. Bill Bates (UDWR) and myself. The meeting occurred on November 30, 1995, in Rilda Canyon.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please call me at (801) 687-4722.

Sincerely,

Val Payne
Sr. Environmental Engineer

cc: B. Bates (UDWR)
J. Christensen
C. Pollastro
File

From: Bill Bates
To: DHaddock
Date: 12/1/95 2:05pm
Subject: Rilda Canyon Permit Extension

After talking with you this morning, Susan called me, and suggested I e-mail you our recommendations on Energy West's Permit for surface facilities in Rilda Canyon.

As I explained this morning, their permit had seasonal restrictions from December 1 through July 5 to protect critical wildlife habitat. They planned to have construction of the facilities completed before Dec. 1, but it appears they will not be done until mid-January.

Our main concern at the present time is the increased energy load disturbance may cause to wintering elk. There is a good stand of mountain mahogany along the sides of the canyon below the forks, and up the right fork. As a result of the mild weather we have had this year, the elk have not moved down into this area as of yet. We therefore recommend the following:

Allow construction to continue subject to the following stipulations:

1. Energy West monitor the canyon weekly, or after major storm events to determine if significant numbers of wildlife move into the canyon.
2. Construction activities be completed before January 15.

If large numbers of big game move into the area we request that Val notify us as soon as possible to determine the best methods to minimize impacts. Also, if construction is not completed by Jan. 15, I suggest we get together to discuss options. Possible ways to minimize impacts may involve car pooling up the canyon, or restricting travel on the road to the hours between 9 am and 4 pm.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter. Please call if you have any questions.

CC: SWhite, MMoretti, KRobinette