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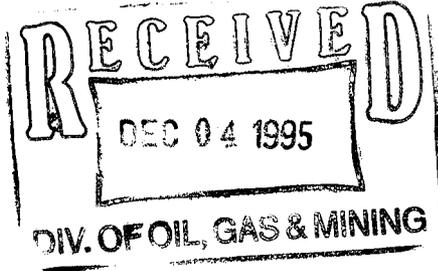
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SUBJECT: Review of permit renewal for the Deer Creek Mine, PacifiCorp, ACT/015/018-95A, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah.

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Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources has reviewed this mine permit renewal and submits the following comments.

The defined state status of selected animals should be updated from the 1976 data. The Federal status of threatened, endangered, and species occurring in the Price and Ferron Districts on the Manti-La Sal National Forest should be updated (Page 2-210.1). The bald eagle is no longer an endangered species. Northern Goshawk should be added as it is found in the area and is listed as sensitive by Region 4 of the U.S. Forest Service.

The Manti Forest is currently losing aspen habitat through the invasion of conifer trees. This loss is due primarily to fire suppression and other human manipulative factors, which in part, were implemented to facilitate mining in the area. The Forest Service is attempting to reduce this loss by encouraging aspen regeneration through controlled fires and other manipulative means. The loss of aspen to conifer invasion is especially damaging in riparian areas. Given that the Forest Service is trying to reduce conifer invasion on the forest, we recommend that white fir and Douglas fir be removed from the required planting list, especially in the tree list for the riparian areas (pages 4-54.2 and 4-54.3). These trees should be replaced with aspen where possible.



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Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this permit renewal. Please contact Ben Morris or Bill Bates in our Southeastern Regional Office at (801) 637-3310 if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,



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