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Jim Muck
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Salt Lake City, UT 84115

Re: Peregrine Falcon Territories, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, ACT/015/018, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Muck:

The Division has been notified of preliminary sightings of peregrine falcons within the Deer Creek Mine permit area. Mr. Bill Bates, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, stated that during the annual raptor survey, conducted May 20, two adult peregrines were sighted in the North Fork of Meetinghouse Canyon and in Rilda Canyon directly across the canyon from the new fan portal breakout. No scrapes at either territory were located. Mr. Bates stated that the finding was preliminary and will be followed up by ground observations.

According to the State of Utah Coal Mining Regulations R645-301-358.100 we are required to report these findings to you. As the delegated representative of the Office of Surface Mining, please advise us if Section 7 Consultation is required with this finding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Ann Wright".

Mary Ann Wright
Associate Director of Mining

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cc:

Chuck Semborski, PacifiCorp
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