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Dear Interested Party:

Energy West (PacifiCorp) proposes to conduct a helicopter-assisted coal exploration-drilling project on Utah Coal Lease ML-48258 in Emery County, Utah, from approximately July 15 to September 15, 2002. The project will consist of eight core holes drilled in Crandall Canyon, Mill Fork Canyon, and Joes Valley. The purpose will be to analyze the coal seam characteristics and thickness. The drill holes would be located in (see attached map) Sections 10, 12, 13, 15, and 22 of Township 16 South, Range 6 East; and Sections 6 and 7, Township 16 South, Range 7 East Salt Lake Base and Meridian, Emery County, Utah. The drilling would occur on lands in which the surface is administered by the USDA Forest Service and the subsurface by the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA). The proposed holes would be drilled in Crandall Canyon (EM-178, EM-179) and Mill Fork Canyon (EM-180, EM-181, EM-182), which report to Huntington Creek; and un-named drainages in Joes Valley (EM-183, EM-184, EM-185), which report to Indian Creek in Emery County, Utah.

All drilling and reclamation activities would follow Forest Plan stipulations. Any disturbance would be properly reclaimed and reseeded. No roads would be constructed, however, the project lies within the East Mountain Inventoried Roadless area.

As the coal estate owner, SITLA has an outstanding right to develop coal reserves in the tract and to occupancy of the land surface needed to evaluate the minability of reserves. The Forest Supervisor, Manti-La Sal National Forest, must issue a Special Use Permit authorizing surface occupancy and stipulating conditions needed to protect non-mineral resources.

The Forest Service is currently evaluating this proposal and is requesting Federal, State, and local agencies, and other individuals or organizations interested in or potentially affected by the proposal to participate in the planning process. Since helicopter drilling would have minimal disturbances to land and resources, and no roads would be constructed, the proposed operation may qualify for categorical exclusion from preparation of an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement (Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Chapter 30, Section 31.2, Item #8).

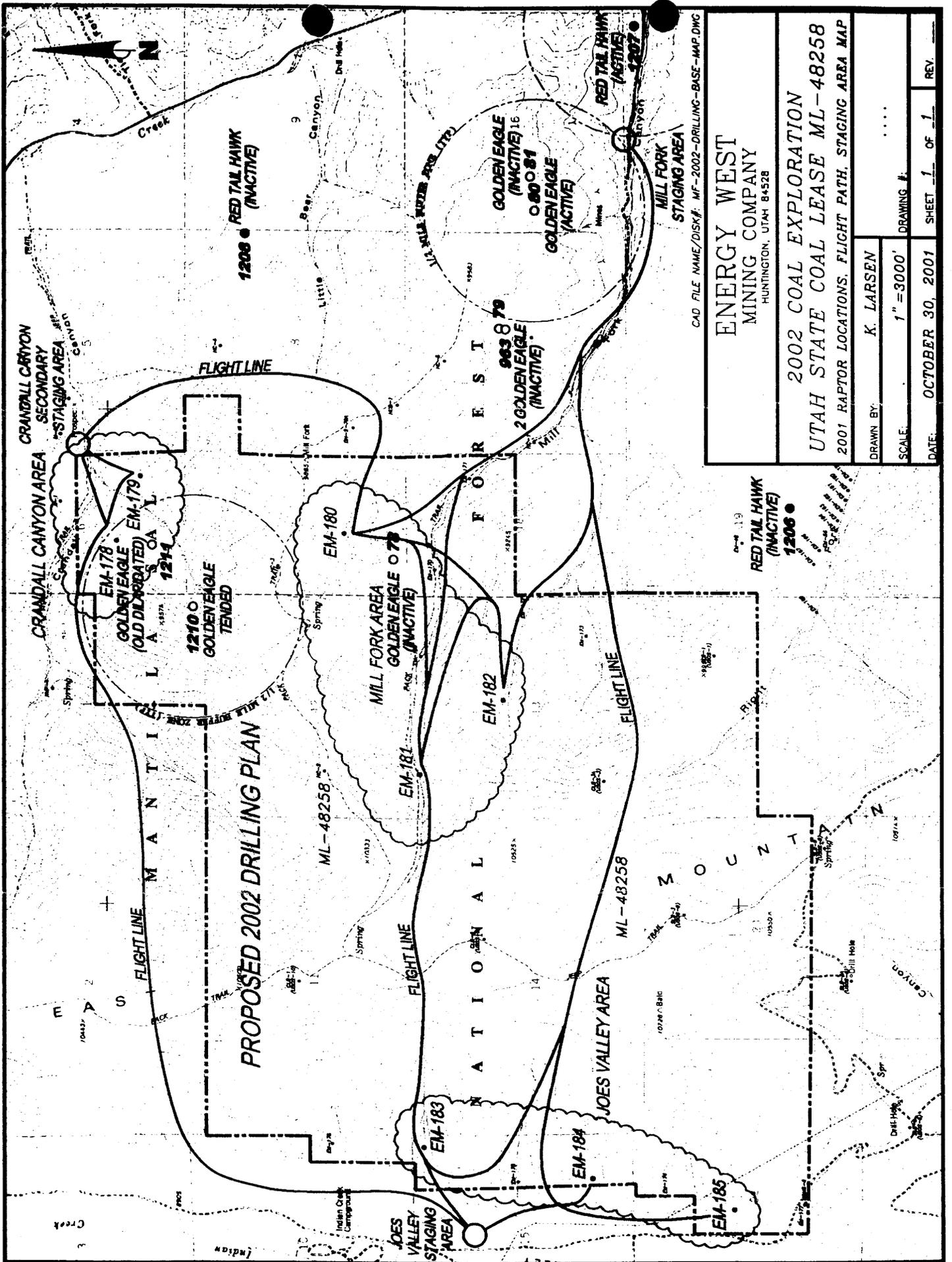
If you have any comments or concerns you would like addressed in the environmental analysis, or have any questions regarding the project, please forward them to Brian McClelland at the Manti-La Sal National Forest, Ferron Office, 115 West Canyon Road, P.O. Box 310, Ferron, UT 84523 by May 23, 2002. If you wish not to comment at this time, but would like to remain on the mailing list for this project, please notify Brian McClelland.

Sincerely,

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2002 COAL EXPLORATION
UTAH STATE COAL LEASE ML-48258
 2001 RAPTOR LOCATIONS, FLIGHT PATH, STAGING AREA MAP

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