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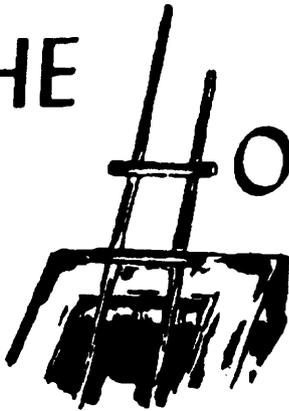
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MESSAGES: *Ritc Canyon - Pacific Corps Deer Creek Mine*  
*In response to your July 13, 2004 correspondence*  
*we resubmit our June 1 response to*  
*your April 23 correspondence.*

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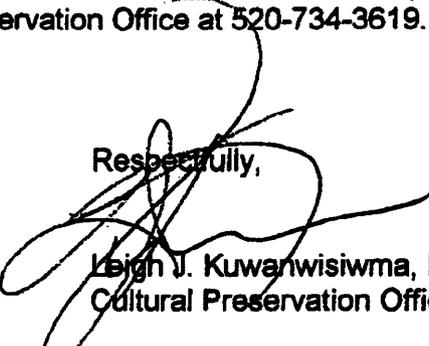
Dear Ms. Malin,

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated April 23, 2004, regarding construction of new surface facilities in Rilda Canyon by PacificCorps at the Deer Creek Mine on Manti-La Sal National Forest. The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to the prehistoric cultural groups in Utah and Manti-La Sal National Forest, and therefore we appreciate your solicitation of our input, and your efforts to address our concerns.

The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites and Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, to assist us in determining if the area of potential effect for this proposal contains cultural resources significant to the Hopi Tribe, please provide us with a copy of the cultural resource survey report of the project area for review and comment.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office at 520-734-3619. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

  
Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director  
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