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RE: Cottonwood/Wilburg Mine - Miller Canyon Portal Reclamation

Dear Chuck,

Thank you for including the Division of Wildlife Resources in the planning and on-site inspection of the Cottonwood/Wilburg Mine - Miller Canyon Portals reclamation. We are in support of the reclamation of the portals. As we discussed, and as has been discussed with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, we request that a qualified observer be placed to observe the active golden eagle nest at the head of Miller Canyon, and that adverse reactions of the birds to the helicopter transport of material to the site would shut down the reclamation work until after July 15th, when the birds should have fledged. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Chris Colt (Habitat Biologist) at 435-636-0279.

Sincerely,

Miles Moretti
Regional Manager

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