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Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

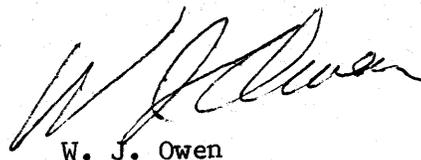
DIVISION OF
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Dear Mr. Daniels;

While making a personal inspection of the Bear Creek canyon site, I have found fresh foot prints and other evidence that hikers have recently been present and have entered the old mine workings. The dangers of allowing inexperienced laymen in an abandoned mine are, of course, evident, and we as the lease holders would be held responsible if an accident should occur. We therefore request permission from the Division to enter the area with the necessary equipment and materials to secure the opening against illegal entry as soon as possible, while we are awaiting the outcome of the Board hearing in regard to our mining permit. We were told at a previous Board hearing that sealing an abandoned mine opening was not considered as a mining activity, and would not be in violation of permit laws. In order to haul materials to the mine opening, we would have to make a small amount of repairs on the road at the point where we stopped at the time of the cessation order in November 1979.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,



W. J. Owen

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