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FROM: Lynn Kunzler, Reclamation Biologist 

RE: T & E Species Investigation, Co-Op Mining Company, Bear Canyon Mine, ACT/015/025, Folder No. 13, Emery County, Utah

In a phone conversation with Mel Coonrod (consultant to Co-op Mining Company) it was reported that a T & E Species had been located near the Bear Canyon Mine. Arrangements were made to investigate their proposed siting in the near future.

On August 22, 1985, James Leatherwood and Lynn Kunzler met with Mel Coonrod to confirm the siting. The species of interest was Hedysarum occidentale var. canone (Canyon Sweetvetch). This species is currently on the proposed threatened list of the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Several individual plants of this species were located just below the Bear Canyon Permit area. While no specimens were observed on the lower part of the permit area, there is a potential for additional specimens further up the canyon. Should this species receive official listing, this should be investigated.

While a proposed species does not have the legal protection of the T & E Species Act, this siting will be reported to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to aid them in their evaluation of the status of this species.

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CC: John Whitehead
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