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RE: Middle Seam, Proposed Blind Canyon Portals, Co-Op Mining Company, Bear Canyon Mine, ACT/015/025, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

Synopsis and Analysis

A memo dated May 8, 1990 required Co-Op Mining Company to perform a raptor survey in order to construct the proposed Blind Canyon Portals. A ground survey was conducted by Environmental Industrial Services (approved by DWR for raptor surveys) in June 1990. The survey determined that no raptor nests were observed, nor do any disturbances or threats to nesting raptors exist in the area. The applicant indicated that DWR has performed a 1990 aerial raptor survey and information from that survey will be available and submitted to the Division in September 1990.

Recommendations

The submitted document for the Blind Canyon Portal is complete and should be approved for inclusion in the Permit Application Package.

The applicant, as stated in the proposal, must submit the DWR raptor survey in September. If any new information concerning threats or disturbance to nesting raptors is included in the survey, the Division may then require additional information from the applicant.

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