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James Dykman
Utah State Historic Preservation Office
300 Rio Grande
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Re: Wild Horse Ridge Permit Revision, Co-Op Mining Company, Bear Canyon Mine, ACT/015/025-SR99(1), Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Dykman:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has received a proposal from Co-Op Mining Company to add new surface facilities in Bear Canyon and to add a federal lease to the permit area. The surface facilities would be on private land and would include a road and conveyor in the right fork of Bear Canyon.

One significant archaeological site, the Bear Creek Rock Shelter, 42 EM 1572, is in the right fork of Bear Canyon, but the operator does not propose to disturb this site. Although it is not far from the road or conveyor, it should be well enough isolated that it will not be accidentally disturbed since the road would be on the other side of the canyon and the conveyor would be on the other side of a ridge.

No other significant sites have been found either in the area that would be undermined or in the surface facilities areas. Based on this information, we do not believe the proposed action would negatively affect significant cultural resources.

We are currently reviewing the plan and request your comments/concurrence by January 6, 2000. If you have any questions on this plan change or need further information, please call me at (801) 538-5325, Pam Grubaugh-Littig at (801) 538-5268, or Paul Baker at (801) 538-5261.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daron R. Haddock".

Daron R. Haddock
Permit Supervisor

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