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Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
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RE: Coop Mine Mitigation (Prey-Base Study)

To Whom It May Concern:

The Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) supports an amendment to the mining plan for the Bear Canyon Mine to request a modification in mitigation (Horse Ridge Project/Federal Leases U-020668 and U-38727). In addition, we agree that the prey-base study designed and suggested by the UDWR to Mr. Reynolds is sufficient mitigation for the big game and raptor disturbance resulting from the Bear Canyon Mine and satisfies the 3 mitigation efforts required by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM) in the letter dated August 15, 2005 from Pamela Grubaugh-Littig to Charles Reynolds. The Bear Canyon Mine will no longer be required to enhance big game habitat or construct golden eagle nests as mitigation because the prey-base study is considered sufficient mitigation, per the agreement made on Wednesday, August 31, 2005 between Mr. Reynolds, DOGM, USFWS, and UDWR.

Furthermore, the prey-base study as mitigation for big game and raptor disturbance does not comprise mitigation for future disturbance of raptors or big game due to current or future mining practices. Future disturbance as a result of mining practices will need to be mitigated on a case-by-case basis as they develop.

Sincerely,

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Southeastern Regional Supervisor

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