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Dr. Christopher Merritt
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SUBJECT: SHPO Concurrence for Minor Exploration, Castle Valley Mining, LLC, Bear Canyon Mine, C/015/0025, Task ID #5013

Dear Dr. Merritt:

The Division received a Notice of Intent to drill two helicopter assisted exploration holes at the Bear Canyon Mine on Federal Forest Service land. Both holes proposed for drilling are in coal managed by the BLM coal lease U-61049 with surface management by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

The Exploration area is about 2.5 miles North East of the Huntington Power Plant on the ridge separating Left and Right Fish Creek at T16 S R 8E Section 20.

An archaeological report has been completed by Jerry D. Spangler with Uinta Research. A copy is enclosed for your records.

The Division makes the determination that this exploration project would have "no effect" to cultural resources because there were no resources observed, there is little potential of discovering cultural resources within the project area, and the project would impact a very small area.

The Division requests concurrence from the SHPO with our determination. We would appreciate your response so we may proceed with the review process. If you have any questions about this project, please call me at (801) 538-5325 or Steve Demczak at (435) 613-3732.

Sincerely,

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Concurrence: I concur with the determination made by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining that the proposed Bear Canyon Mine Exploration project would not have an adverse effect on historic properties.

Christopher Merritt:_____
Cultural Resources Coordinator, Division of State History

Date:_____

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