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IN REPLY REFER TO:

August 19, 1980

Mr. Cleon B. Feight, Director  
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining  
1588 West North Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Attention: Mary Ann Wright

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RE: Genwall Coal Company  
Crandall Canyon Mine  
PRO/015/032

Dear Mr. Feight:

The following comments are provided in response to our Pre-design Wildlife Consultation on the proposed Crandall Canyon Mine.

Although this is a relatively small operation it will be an operation of long duration. The area of proposed development has been relatively inaccessible and as a result has been subject to limited disturbance.

We believe that the development of a very good vegetational map covering the mining and access area is very important. Considering the proposed plan of access development, it appears that there is a potential for considerable loss of valuable riparian habitat.

There needs to be an intensive examination made of the mine portal area and the access route to determine the occurrence of nesting raptor species.

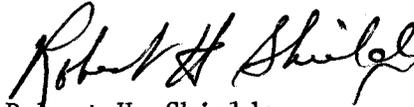
Also these same areas surveyed for raptors should be thoroughly examined to determine the occurrence of any of the following species of high federal interest: golden eagle, merlin, Cooper's hawk, Williamson's sapsucker, Lewis' woodpecker and possibly the pileated woodpecker. We observed during the consultation survey an active woodpecker nest located adjacent to the existing access trail.

The Service is unaware of any occurrence of threatened or endangered wildlife or plant species in the area. There may be some utilization by mobile species of endangered wildlife but this use is probably incidental.

During the preparation of the fish and wildlife and the reclamation plan, the Company should be made cognizant of the particular concerns we have about possible impacts of development upon the riparian and aquatic habitat that occurs in the Crandall Canyon area. The aquatic habitat per se may not be in and of itself very productive; however, its contribution to the productivity to the Huntington Creek is not questionable.

If we can be of further assistance to the Company or the Division during the preparation of a fish and wildlife or reclamation plan for this proposed operation, we would be more than happy to participate.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert H. Shields".

Robert H. Shields  
Area Manager