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State of Utah, Division of Water Rights
ATTN: Mr. Greg Mladenka
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Dear Mr. Mladenka,

We have reviewed Application to Alter a Natural Stream No. 95-93-05SA, which is Genwal Resources, Inc. application to place a culvert over approximately 1,100 feet of Crandall Canyon Creek. This application does not define or quantify impacts of this proposed project on other resources. We oppose the proposed project until these impacts and mitigations are identified.

The following list briefly describes our concerns:

1. Crandall Canyon is a cutthroat trout spawning area. The upstream limit is at approximately the upper end of the proposed culvert. It is doubtful that they would use the area if the culvert were installed.

2. Crandall Canyon has a significant macroinvertebrate population extending above the culvert, which is an important food source for fish in Crandall Canyon and Huntington Canyon. Placing a culvert over the stream would negatively impact macroinvertebrate populations.

3. The existing riparian habitat along the entire length of the culvert would be lost.

4. There is no discussion of what flow the culvert has been designed to handle, and what the risk factor is. Culvert capacity must be sized for less than a 10% risk of failure for a 40-year event.

5. There is no description of materials or devices needed at the culvert outlet to dissipate energy.

6. There is no discussion of reclamation of the area after the mine is closed, and whether the culvert would be removed or left in place.

7. There is no discussion of how tributary water would be handled along the length of the culvert.

8. The current min g activity has already impacted e stream. Coal fines from the loadout facility and road are being carried to the stream by air and water. Salt and sand from the access road are also entering the creek. The proposed open coal storage area, and increased transportation required by increased production, will increase the impacts on the stream.

We believe this proposed project will impact National Forest System lands. We object to issuance of any stream alteration permit until impacts have been quantified and agreement has been reached on appropriate mitigation measures.

Sincerely,

Aaron L. Howe

for
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Forest Supervisor

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