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Attention: Wayne Hedberg

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 C/015/0032
 Copy Wayne
 and Joe*

Re: Response to Forest Service Comment for South Crandall Permit Revision, Crandall Cyn Mine, C/015/032

Dear Sirs:

This letter is written in response to Darron Haddock's letter of March 18, 2004 in which the Division asked for a response to the Forest Service's comments to the South Crandall Lease Revision to the Crandall Canyon Mine MRP, 015/032. The Forest Service comments were submitted to your office in a letter dated March 4, 2004. The responses listed below are numbered in the same order as the comments in the Forest Service letter.

1. Information regarding deer and elk habitat can be found in Chapter 3. GENWAL has a commitment for vegetation monitoring.
2. A T&E list is included in Chapter 3.
3. The letter from DWR (App 3-17) has been deleted from Chapter 3.
4. The Peregrin Falcon has been added to the sensitive species list.
5. The Cutthroat trout in Crandall Canyon have been identified as hybrid.
6. The maps in Chapter 5 show structure and interburden. A geologic cross-section is also included in Chapter 5.
7. This comment is addressed in the pending R2P2 approval recommendation by the BLM.
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10. Protection of the powerline is discussed in Chapter 5.
11. A copy of the Water Replacement Agreement is included in Chapter 7.
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13. The text in Chapter 5 addresses the issue of a northerly component of flow to Little Bear Spring.
14. The potential for affecting the Little Bear Spring is discussed in Chapter 5.
15. The effects of mining operation on groundwater is discussed in Chapter 5.
16. A copy of the Water Replacement Agreement is included in Chapter 7.
17. The perennially functioning status of Little Bear drainage is included in Chapter 7.
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20. Refer to comments #13, #14, #15, and #17.
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If you have further questions or comments please contact me at 435 888 4015 or Dave Shaver at 435 888 4017.

Sincerely,



Gary E. Gray
Resident Agent/Engineer