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Subject: Coal Hollow Project/Alton Coal Development LLC- project number C/025/0005.

Dear Mr. Haddock,

As a frequent guest to the beautiful Utah National Parks, I want to express my sincere hope that the Alton Strip Mine does not become a reality. I think it would have a devastating effect on the residents of Panguitch that far outweigh the temporary promise of employment.

I can speak with some knowledge of this, as I experienced the devastation of a small farming area that was used for strip mining and then later became more industrial with the building of coal fired power plant. This occurred in Cheshire, Ohio, my hometown, and there is plenty of information on the web about the community battle. The environmental degradation cannot be repaired and the surrounding village was actually destroyed due to the resultant pollution, poor air and water quality. Although it is a bit of a different issue from a strip mine, the coal delivery, coal burning, etc., have devastating effects on the health and well-being of a community. Please don't let Cheshire die in vain, but serve to warn others and prevent an environmental disaster.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cheshire,_Ohio

Sincerely,

Susan Swisher

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