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RE: SUFCO Mine Plan, Sevier County

Dear Ms. Rose:

The staff of the Utah State Historic Preservation Officer has received for review the mine plan and your cover memo of March 2, 1981, concerning the SUFCO Mine Plan addendum.

Basically, your recommendations that the project will not affect cultural resources, because modification of the project would be sufficient to avoid adverse impact, is concurred with by this office.

However, because of the nature and situation of sampling that is recommended by the Office of Surface Mining and your office, the State Historic Preservation Officer would like to receive more information as to why the Office of Surface Mining is requesting a 10% sample, and the Forest Service specifically is recommending a 50% sample of the area, even though they agree that the likelihood of sites with subsurface stratified deposits are small. You use the words "A more comprehensive survey in these specific zones is therefore recommended for this plan." Our office would like to receive more information concerning why a 50% sample would better protect cultural resources in the area than the 10% sample or why there is a sample even needed in this particular mine plan area.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Jim Dykman, Cultural Resource Advisor, Utah State Historical Society, 300 Rio Grande, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101, 533-7039.

Sincerely,

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