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FROM: Brent A. Stettler, Reclamation Biologist *Brent*

RE: Quitcupah Lease Addition, Southern Utah Fuel Company,
SUFCo Mine, ACT/041/002, Folder #2, Sevier County, Utah

UMC 783.22 Land-Use Information-(BAS)

Land use includes grazing, recreation, selective timber harvest and wildlife.

UMC 784.15 Reclamation Plan: Postmining Land Use-(BAS)

Postmining land use will continue unchanged from present land use.

Threat of subsidence poses the primary threat to postmining land uses. Subsidence cracks could potentially: (1) cut off road access to timber harvesters, stockmen and recreationalists, and (2) result in loss of springs, seeps and creeks--diminishing utility for livestock, wildlife and recreationalists.

UMC 784.21 Fish and Wildlife Plan-(BAS)

(a)(b) The applicant's proposal for limited extraction beyond escarpments and under creek beds is not entirely adequate. A commitment must be made to: (1) contract with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources to inventory raptor nests along escarpments, prior to undermining, (2) procure the necessary permits for nests threatened by subsidence, and (3) perform follow-up studies of nesting raptors, in the event cliff spalling occurs.

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