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RE: Exploration Project, Coastal States Energy Company, Convulsion Canyon Mine,
ACT/041/002-93C, Folder #2, Sevier County, Utah

Dear Mr. Haddock:

I have reviewed your request of September 21, 1993 concerning the referenced exploration project by Coastal States Energy Company. From the information submitted, several of the exploration drill sites are located near cliff faces that should be surveyed for nesting raptors. Because of the ruggedness of the terrain, helicopter surveys for these nest sites should be considered by the applicant.

Also, past surveys of the area indicate that cavity nesting migratory birds of high Federal interest are found to utilize the area. Two such species are the western bluebird and Williamson's sapsucker. Trees with cavities should not be removed to provide access trails to drill sites or for site preparation. A search of our files indicate there are no threatened or endangered species known to occur in the project area.

Thank you for informing this office of the proposed project and providing an opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Williams
Assistant Field Supervisor