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RE: Determination of Administrative Completeness for Pines Tract Lease (Significant Revision), Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, SUFCO Mine, ACT/0415/002-SR99D, File #2, Sevier County, Utah

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Dear Ms. Wright:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the Determination of Administrative Completeness for Pines Tract Lease (Significant Revision), Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, SUFCO Mine, ACT/0415/002-SR99D, File #2, Sevier County, Utah. The proposed action will include a surface breakout (0.017 acre) on the south side of Muddy Creek canyon. This breakout will be used for ventilation purposes. A golden eagle nest and falcon scrape are located on the opposite side of the canyon approximately 0.75 miles from the proposed breakout.

We are providing the following comments to assist you in the revision of your proposed action:

The Service appreciates the commitment to not disturb the proposed action area during the nesting season. We recommend continued monitoring of the nests before, during, and after your proposed action. If future mining activities change, we ask that you coordinate with our office on potential wildlife and wildlife habitat concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. If we can be of further assistance, please contact Scott Gamo, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, of this office at (801) 524-5001 ext 134.

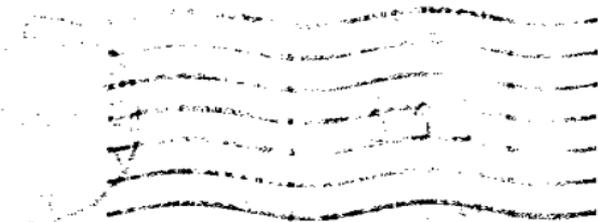
Sincerely,

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