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James Dykman
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Re: Formal Request for Consultation and Concurrence on Permitting Action (Pines Tract Significant Revision), Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, SUFCO Mine, ACT/041/002-SR99D, Folder #2, Sevier County, Utah

Dear Mr. Dykman:

This is a formal request for consultation on Canyon Fuel Company, LLC's proposed underground mining in a 7171.66-acre area called "The Pines Lease Tract." Cultural resources surveys in this area have discovered 22 cultural resource sites of which seven are considered to be eligible or potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Five of the significant or potentially significant cultural resource sites are in the subsidence area shown on Plate 5-10 of the application. These are 42SV 2425, 42SV 2430 (the Elusive Peacock Shelter), 42SV 2432, 42SV 2433, and 42SV 2434. Site 42SV 2425 is a lithic scatter that should not be adversely affected by subsidence. The other sites are all rock shelters or caves that could be adversely affected according to the consultant's report, but we are unsure how great the potential for damage is at each site.

While the Forest Service is the surface management agency and must give its concurrence to any decision, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining would issue the permit for mining. Therefore, we request your assistance in deciding what action to take.

A copy of the application is available at our office. We anticipate completion of our first review by January 10, 2000, so please supply comments by December 29, 1999, so we can incorporate them in our review. If you have any questions or need further information please call me (538-5325), Pamela Grubaugh-Littig (538-5268), or Paul Baker (538-5261).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daron R. Haddock".

Daron R. Haddock
Permit Supervisor

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cc: Stan McDonald, Manti LaSal Natinal Forest
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