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Reed Harris  
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Lincoln Plaza  
145 East 1300 South, Suite 404  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84115

Re: Link Canyon Substation, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, SUFCO Mine, ACT/041/002-AM99G, File #2, Sevier County, Utah

Dear Mr. Harris:

The Division has received a proposal from Canyon Fuel Company to build a substation on Forest Service land in Link Canyon near the town of Emery. The disturbed area would be about 0.12 acres. No threatened or endangered species have been found in this area, but there are two golden eagle nests within about 0.34 and 0.51 miles.

These nests have not been active in recent years, but we are requiring the operator to either begin construction before or after the nesting season or to begin construction during the nesting season only if monitoring shows these nests are not active. The substation will need to be checked monthly, and since there is already a public road in the canyon, we do not believe this continued disturbance should adversely affect any birds.

We are currently reviewing the amendment application and request your comments/concurrence by January 14, 2000. If you have any questions on this plan change, please call me at (801) 538-5325 or Paul Baker at (801) 538-5261.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daron R. Haddock". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Daron R. Haddock  
Permit Supervisor

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