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*Copy to Paul
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RE: *UDWR concerns on proposal to relocate the power line substation/breakout in Link Canyon.*

Dear Paul,

Thank you for including the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) in this proposed Link Canyon power substation project. UDWR has two concerns with the proposal to relocate the power line substation/mine breakout in Link Canyon:

First, Link Canyon is high value winter range for mule deer (see included map). We request that the current power line substation location be reclaimed in a manner suitable for mule deer winter range. This would include the planting of browse species. Additionally, we request that reclamation be planned on the new proposed substations site using the best available reclamation practices.

Second, there are numerous raptor nests within Link Canyon (see included map). We request that there be no construction within 0.5 miles of any raptor nest which has been active during the last seven years (as per USFWS Raptor Protection Guidelines). Nest status can be confirmed during the UDWR 2000 raptor survey. This survey is scheduled for the week of May 22nd, 2000. Any activity within 0.5 miles of an active or tended nest should occur after fledging (typically July 15th).

We request that the design of all power lines and power poles be raptor electrocution safe. We recommend following the Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (APLIC) standards set forth in: "Suggested Practices for Raptor Protection on Power Lines: The State of the Art in 1996. 1996. Edison Electric Institute/Raptor Research Foundation. Washington, D.C." Additionally, for the safety of those conducting helicopter raptor surveys, as well as other low-level helicopter work, we request that highly visual objects be placed on electrical lines to help locate and avoid power lines along cliff faces and cross canyon spans.

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Thank you for taking these concerns into consideration during the planning and permitting of this project. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Chris Colt (Habitat Biologist) at 435-636-0279.

Sincerely,



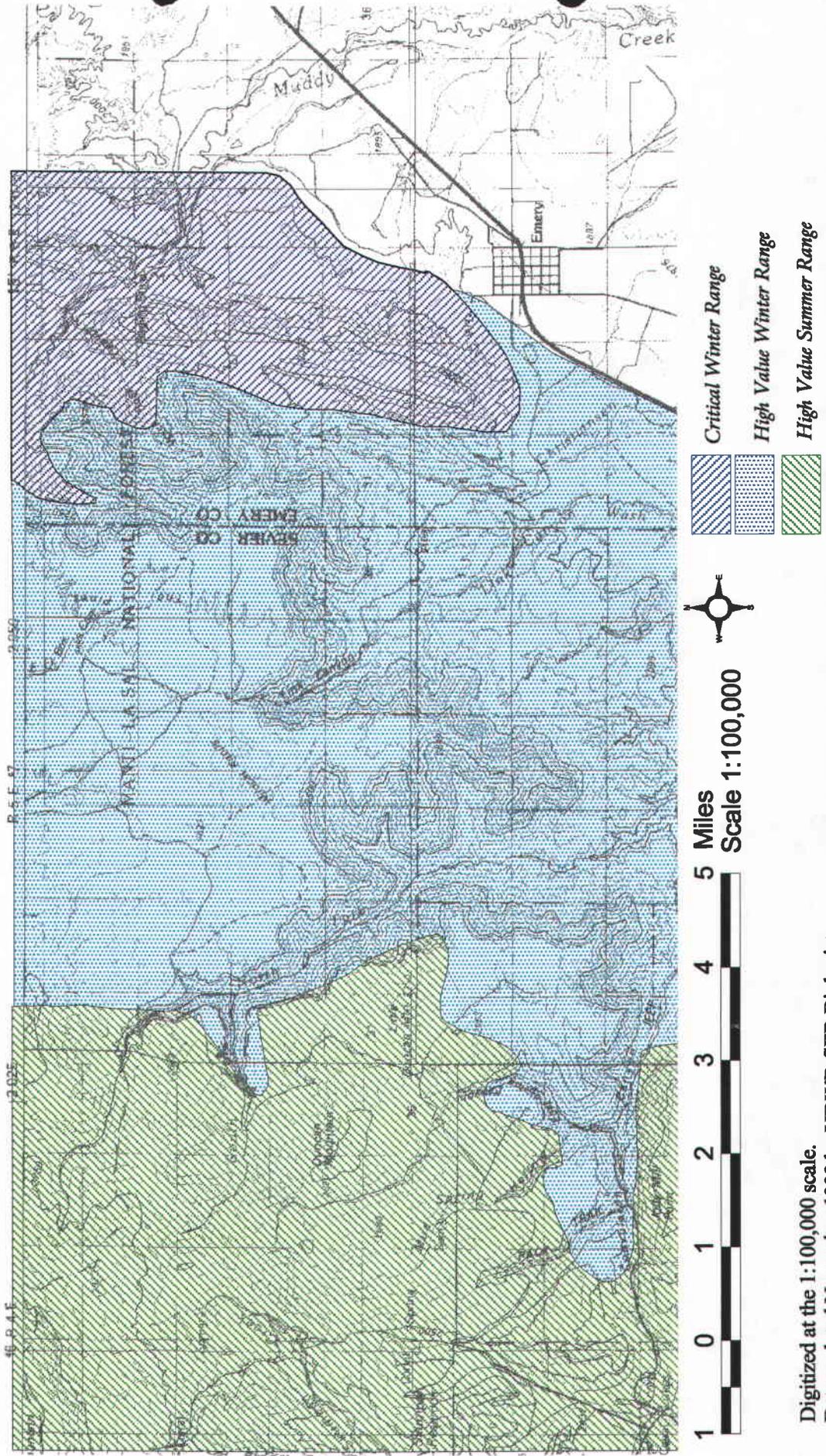
Miles Moretti
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enc: Deer ranges; Raptor map; Raptor data

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Deer Summer and Winter Ranges



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Data updated November 1999 by UDWR-SER Biologists