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May 25, 2004

Mesia Nyman, District Ranger
Ferron/Price Ranger District
Manti-La Sal National Forest
115 West Canyon Rd.
P.O. Box 310
Ferron, UT 84631

RE: Muddy Coal Tract 2004 Drilling Project

Gentlefolk:

In 1998 the Utah Trust Lands Administration acquired ownership of up to 34 million tons of coal from the federal government within the Muddy Coal Tract. The sole purpose of the trust in acquiring ownership in the tract is to develop and mine the coal resource.

The Trust Lands Administration supports the 2004 exploration plan submitted by Ark Land Company and encourages the Forest Service to approve all six of the proposed drill sites as soon as possible. Although only one of the proposed drill sites lies upon the SITLA Muddy tract, the drilling of all six proposed drill holes including the five sites proposed upon the federal Muddy tract will greatly contribute to our regional knowledge and understanding of the coal deposit.

Please note that to date Ark Land Company must yet obtain a Right of Mineral Entry from the Trust Lands Administration for 2004 prior to drilling upon the SITLA Muddy Tract.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

John T. Blake
Mineral Resources Specialist

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cc: Muddy Tract
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