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Subject: Archaeological/Cultural Resource Surveys, Canyon Fuel Company LLC, SUFCO Mine, C/041/0002 Task #3942

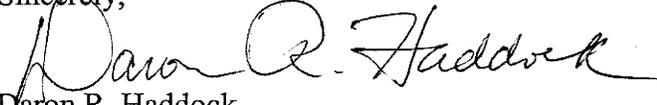
Dear Ms. Hunsaker:

Please find enclosed document, Earth Touch Cultural Resource Report No. 9-16, a cultural resource inventory for the SUFCO mine portal #2 and the West Lease Bore Hole Drilling Activities Summary. Scott Billat of EarthTouch Inc. prepared Report No. 9-16 in accordance with Utah State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Authorization No. U-09-EP-0634f. The report covers the proposed expansion of the SUFCO mine and surrounding area in Mud Spring Hollow, north of Convulsion Canyon (Fishlake NFS land in Section 12 T22S R4E, Sevier County Utah).

Report No. 9-16 includes a Class I record search of the area conducted at Utah SHPO and Fishlake National Forest Office in October 2009. The report also includes a Class III intensive walkover survey approximately 350ft by 300 ft area for the proposed portal development and surrounding area. The proposed expansion is not currently under application at the Division; however, SUFCO is using this report for four emergency drill holes. The four drill holes, shown on map No. 2 "Proposed Drilling Exhibit" are covered under the area of the class III inventory by Scott Billat. The drilling will be helicopter assisted and therefore will cause very minimal surface disturbance. The inventory includes the appropriate information for the Division to make an effect determination. No cultural resources were located and the Division determines that no historic properties will be affected from this drilling project.

We seek your concurrence with our determination. Should you have any comments or questions, please contact me at 801-538-5325 or Ingrid Campbell at 801-538-5318 or by email at ingridcampbell@utah.gov.

Sincerely,


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