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FW: Tribal concurrence letters for the 3R4E Panel

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Greetings! We sent copies of the cultural resource report for the proposed 3R4E panel to the Hopi, Ute, and Paiute. Both the Hopi and Paiute responded, and neither tribe had any concerns with the project.

--Charmaine

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Dear Ranger Olsen,

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated July 14, 2017, regarding a proposal from Canyon Fuel Company, LLC to add a single long wall coal mining panel to the south of its existing SUFCO mine workings. The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to earlier identifiable cultural groups in Utah. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of our ancestral sites, and we consider the archaeological sites of our ancestors to be Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore we appreciate the Forest Service's continuing solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office requests consultation on any proposal with the potential to adversely affect prehistoric cultural resources. We understand this proposal could affect cultural resources through subsidence of the ground surface. We have previously responded to correspondences on adverse effects to cultural resources resulting from subsidence from underground mining, and we are aware of several National Register eligible rock shelters that were disturbed by subsidence in the Muddy Creek area due to underground mining activities.

We have reviewed the enclosed cultural resources survey report identifies three ineligible sites described as lithic scatters, and one National Register eligible site described as a lithic scatter with an Archaic era rock shelter component, and we understand none of these sites are within the area of potential subsidence.

We defer to the Historic Preservation Office on the National Register eligibility recommendations and determination of effect. However, if any cultural features or deposits are encountered during project activities, these activities must be discontinued in the immediate area of the remains, and the State Historic Preservation Office must be consulted to evaluate their nature and significance, and if any Native American human remains or funerary objects are discovered during construction they shall be immediately reported as required by law.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office at 928-734-3619 or tmorgart@hopi.nsn.us. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Enclosures
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August 31, 2017

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Mr. Olsen,

Subject: ***A Cultural Resource Inventory for Canyon Fuel Company, LLC's SUFCO Mine 3R4E Coal Panel, Sevier County, Utah Project Numbers U17TD0622fp and ML-17-1633)***

The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah is receipt of your letter dated July 14, 2017, and has reviewed the material and do not have any objections pertaining to the above named project. As you are aware the tribes supports the identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites and Traditional Cultural Properties. At this time we are not aware of any cultural resource sites, practices, or locations of importance in the tribe's traditional religious culture.

We concur with your determination of eligibility and effort for this undertaking.

The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah sincerely appreciates your accomplishments and consideration you and your staff have made to consult with the tribes.

Sincerely,

Dorena Martineau

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