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September 11, 2018

John Byars, General Manager  
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC  
597 South SR24  
Salina, Utah 84654

Subject: Approval of 2018 Raptor Survey, Task #5727, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Sufco Mine, C/041/0002

Dear Mr. Byars:

The above-referenced amendment is approved effective September 11, 2018. The Division has completed a Technical Analysis of the change and found that it meets the requirements of the Utah Coal Rules. A stamped incorporated copy of the amendment is enclosed for your copy of the Mining and Reclamation Plan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (801) 538-5325.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock  
Coal Program Manager

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## Technical Analysis and Findings

### Utah Coal Regulatory Program

**PID:** C0410002  
**TaskID:** 5727  
**Mine Name:** SUFCO MINE  
**Title:** 2018 RAPTOR SURVEY

#### Operation Plan

#### Fish and Wildlife Protection and Enhancement Plan

##### *Analysis:*

The amendment meets the State of Utah R645-301-333 requirements for fish and wildlife protection. The amendment consists of the 2018 raptor survey conducted by Tetra Tech, Inc. on behalf of the SUFCO mine. Two surveys were completed in the summer of 2018, one on May 27-28<sup>th</sup> and another on June 19<sup>th</sup>. A general raptor survey was conducted on both occasions and a northern goshawk broadcast vocalization survey was also conducted during the June 19<sup>th</sup> survey. The results of the surveys indicate one active golden eagle nest with one nestling which was observed during both surveys, and one active red-tailed hawk nest with an adult seen sitting on the nest during the first visit and 2-3 nestlings seen during the second visit. No northern goshawk or other raptor nesting activity was found during the survey. The report includes a map showing survey boundaries and nest locations, color photos, and raptor survey forms.

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