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FROM: Lynn Kunzler, Reclamation Biologist *ly*

RE: Wildlife Predesign Consultation, Summit Minerals Inc.,
Summit Minerals #1 Mine, (Blackhawk Mine), INA/043/001,
Folder No. 2, Summit County, Utah

On March 5, 1987, Lynn Kunzler of the Division met with George Wilson, Utah Division Wildlife Resources, and Barbara Filas, Summit Minerals Inc. for the purpose of conducting an onsite wildlife consultation. Wildlife Issues and impacts were discussed for the site based on the current status of the site, and once the site becomes active.

Findings

Results of low level Fish & Wildlife studies that were supplied to the Boyer Mine (PRO/043/008) are applicable to this site. Summit Minerals will need to incorporate information into their MRP.

Past activities have removed desirable vegetation from over 14 acres of deer winter range. Reactivation of the site would potentially disturb up to one more acre. This increase would not add significantly to the lost habitat. Eventual reclamation would restore or enhance the site's predisturbed quality.

Concern was expressed with regards to impacts to the Bald Eagles that winter along Chalk Creek, adjacent to the site. Apparently, the eagles have adjusted to other human activity in the area such as oil & gas drilling and the highway. Reactivating the mine should not have any negative impact on the wintering eagles.

Impacts to other species of high interest are not expected unless significant modifications are made to the proposed plan as discussed.

Mr. Wilson will provide written comments from DWR within 30 days, at which time the Division will provide guidelines to Summit Minerals Inc. as to what wildlife information will need to be addressed and provided in the MRP.

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