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Dear Reader:

Thank you for your interest in the proposed Red Cliff Coal Mine project. Your review and comment on this Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), will enable those entities with decision-making responsibilities regarding this proposed project to better assure that the public interest is served. In addition to the BLM, these entities include, but are not limited to Mesa and Garfield Counties, Colorado Division of Reclamation and Mine Safety, Colorado Public Utilities Commission, and Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining.

If you wish to comment on this document, please make your comments as specific as possible. Comments will be more helpful if they include suggested changes, methodologies, and sources of information. Expressions of opinion without supporting data will not result in changes in the analysis. This is not a decision document; it is informational and analytical, designed to inform the public of the effects of the proposed project and alternatives.

A public hearing and open house will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. MST, on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at the City of Fruita Council Chambers, 325 E. Aspen Avenue, Fruita, Colorado for the purposes of providing information about the proposed project and the environmental review process, hearing statements regarding the fair market value and maximum economic recovery of coal within the proposed Lease by Application area, and to receive comments on the DEIS.

We are requesting that you complete your review of the DEIS and return your comments by March 17, 2009. In addition to providing comments at the public hearing and open house, you may also submit comments by any of the following methods:

Web site: [www.blm.gov/rmp/co/redcliffmine/](http://www.blm.gov/rmp/co/redcliffmine/)  
E-mail: [RedCliffMineEIS@urscorp.com](mailto:RedCliffMineEIS@urscorp.com)  
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Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Comments and responses to comments will be published as part of the Final EIS.

I appreciate your participation and interest and look forward to your continuing involvement.

Sincerely,

Catherine Robertson  
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