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In Reply Refer To: 1790 (UTUT106262560 (legacy serial number UTU-48027))

Deeda Seed, Public Lands Senior Campaigner Center for Biological Diversity 525 S. Isabella Court Salt Lake City, UT 84102

Re: BLM Should Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on Wildcat Loadout Right-of-Way Amendment.

Dear Deeda Seed, et al.,

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is in receipt of the letter, dated July 24, 2023, sent to State Director Greg Sheehan regarding the Wildcat Loadout Right-of-Way Amendment. Mr. Sheehan asked me to respond to the letter.

Your letter requested a meeting with the State Director to discuss the project in addition to expressing a desire for the BLM to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) rather than an Environmental Assessment (EA). The BLM is actively engaged in gathering further detailed information about the project. Because the BLM's understanding of the project proposal is incomplete, we propose delaying a meeting with you for the time being. We appreciate your interest in the Wildcat Loadout Right-of-Way Amendment and welcome any data you may have regarding potential effects that you would like the BLM to consider in the analysis. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to me if you have questions.

Lance C. Porter District Manager

Cc:

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