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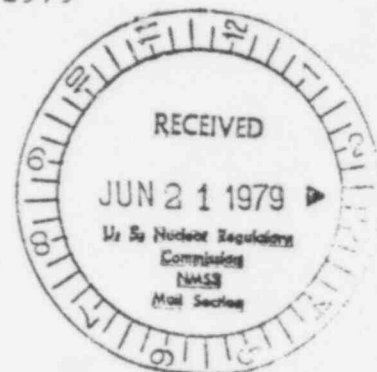
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U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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RE: Docket No. 40-8698

Dear Mr. Rothfleisch:

Plateau Resources Limited has conducted detailed site surveys for the endangered species listed in the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Services letter dated May 22, 1979. This letter provides a brief summary of the results of these surveys.

On June 6, 1979, Messers Ron Freeman, Woodward-Clyde Consultants, Phil Wagoner, State of Utah, and Ron Joseph, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Endangered Species Team (all raptorial biologists), performed a helicopter survey to identify whether either Peregrine Falcons or Bald Eagles were present in the area that would be affected by the Shootaring Canyon Uranium Project. The survey covered an area described by a ~~5.5~~ 7 mile radius from the site center. No Peregrine Falcons or Bald Eagles were found in the survey area.

On June 6 and 7, 1979, a detailed survey of the millsite and tailings area was performed by Messers Fred Gerdeman, Botanist, Plateau Resources Limited, and Jim VonLah, Botanist, Woodward-Clyde Consultants. The survey was specifically performed to ascertain whether the following plant species were present in the survey area:

- Castilleja aquariensis (Indian Paintbrush)
- Castilleja revealii (Indian Paintbrush)
- Coyptantha ochrolenca (Catseye)
- Eriogonum aretioides (Wild buckwheat)
- Eriogonum cronguistii (Wild buckwheat)
- Heterotheca jonesii (Telegraph plant, Jones)

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None of the aforementioned species were present in the survey area. In fact, based on a literature survey, most of these species only are known to occur at elevations about 4,000 feet above the millsite elevation or 8,500 feet above sea level. Those that do not are not known to occur within 150 miles of the millsite.

Thus we continue to conclude that the construction and operation of the Shootaring Canyon Uranium Project will have no impact on endangered or threatened species.

Yours Very Truly,



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