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Mr. John Donnell, Project Director
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Dear Mr. Donnell:

This letter is to update you regarding the processing of the plan amendment and right-of-way (ROW) application. As you are aware, approval of the right-of-way for the rail line would require an amendment to the Pony Express Resource Management Plan prior to authorizing the ROW. Section 2815 of the Oct. 5, 1999 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 provides that the Secretary of the Interior may not proceed with the amendment of any resource management plan for Utah national defense lands until the Secretary of Defense completes a study to evaluate the impact of plan amendments on military activities. As of now, the Secretary of Defense has not yet conducted the required study. BLM can not complete the land use plan amendment and Private Fuel Storage right-of-way application until the Defense study is completed, or the above mentioned Section 2815 is amended or superceded by new laws.

Sincerely yours,

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for Mike Nelson
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cc: Leon Bear, Chair; Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians
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