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Subject: Notice of Hearing on Living Rivers' Protest of Red Leaf Resources Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mine Operations for the Southwest #1 Mine M/047/0103

Dear Mr. Dubuc and Ms. Walker:

In accordance with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. § 40-8-13(6)(d) and Utah Admin. Code R647-4-116(4), and based on your protest of the tentative decision to approve Red Leaf Resources Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mine Operations at the Southwest #1 Mine, the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining has scheduled a formal hearing before the Division on February 23, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the Utah Department of Natural Resources, 1594 North West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. John Baza, Director will preside as Hearing Officer.

The purpose of the hearing is to provide Living Rivers an opportunity to present the basis and support for the objections made in its November 18, 2011 protest letter.

To facilitate an open exchange of information and to reduce the burden to all parties, the Division intends to request the Hearing Officer convert the formal hearing to an informal adjudication pursuant to Utah Code 63G-4-202(2). If you are willing to stipulate to the conversion of this hearing to an informal adjudication please advise the Division.

Sincerely,

Vickie Southwick
Executive Secretary

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