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Submitted via email: bryantorgerson@utah.gov

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Subject: **SULA 1948 - Commercial Lease Application**
RDCC Project No. 78123

Dear Mr. Torgerson:

The Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office received the following comments from Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) concerning the commercial lease application for approximately 240 acres of trust lands near Looking Glass Arch located by LaSal Junction in San Juan County.

This project occurs within crucial pronghorn habitat and in close proximity (0.6 miles) to a water development for pronghorn. Because of the impacts this development may have, UDWR asks that the following mitigation ideas be considered.


- Provide information to visitors educating them on how to limit recreation impacts on wildlife.
- Install a gate across the road leading to the water development on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property, thus limiting traffic and reducing disturbance.
- Construct with wildlife-friendly specifications and collaborate with others in ongoing fence renovation, making those fences more wildlife-friendly.
- Provide funding to construct a new water development for pronghorn in a different location.

Please call TJ Cook, UDWR Regional Impact Analyst, at the Price Office (435-650-0083) if you have questions.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed Looking Glass Arch's commercial lease application. Please direct any written questions regarding this correspondence to the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office at the address below, or call to discuss any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RBJ', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Redge B. Johnson
Executive Director