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IN REPLY REFER TO:
Branch of Real Estate Services

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Ms. Carmen J. Wood
Action Oil, Inc.
437 Road 2900
Aztec, New Mexico 87410

Dear Ms. Wood:

In response to your request, the following information is provided regarding Ute Mountain Ute BIA Lease No. 14-20-604-90. Current Bureau of Indian Affairs records at Ute Mountain Ute Agency, Towao, Colorado, show that Action Oil, Inc., is the lessee of record and that Action Oil, Inc., posted a Collective Bond in the amount of \$15,000 with the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Ute Mountain Ute Agency on September 03, 1992.

Lease No. 14-20-604-90 is located on Ute Mountain Ute Indian trust lands and is subject to federal regulations at 25 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 211. Section 211.53 states in part, "(a) Approved leases or any interest therein may be assigned or transferred only with the approval of the Secretary. The Indian mineral owner must also consent if approval of the Indian mineral owner is required in the lease. . . . To obtain the approval of the Secretary the assignee must be qualified to hold the lease under existing rules and regulations and shall furnish a satisfactory bond conditioned for the faithful performance of the covenants and conditions of the lease. (b) No lease or interest therein or the use of such lease shall be assigned, sublet, or transferred, directly or indirectly by working or drilling contract, or otherwise, without the consent of the Secretary."

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please call the Branch of Real Estate Services at (970) 565-6094.

Sincerely,

Annette Bancroft
Superintendent

