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May 20, 2020

Mr. Kirk W. Bengel, MPH
Director
San Juan Public Health
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Dear Mr. Bengel,

Thank you for your leadership in guiding San Juan Public Health's efforts to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and your support of Governor Herbert's "Utah Leads Together Plan." The Utah Department of Health has received the request for exemption from the Town of Bluff per newly adopted Utah Code §53-2c-103 (SB3004) and after careful review and consultation with the Governor's office we **disapprove** the issuance of this request. Based on your population and concerns the Town of Bluff and Mexican Hat are, however, approved to remain in the **Orange Phase** of the Governor's plan until May 28th.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jefferson Burton".

Jefferson Burton
Acting Executive Director
Utah Department of Health