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### Parks and Wildlife

Department of Natural Resources

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Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission  
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#### RE: LINN Energy Request to Remove Fluid Pit Netting During Winter Months

Dave,

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has reviewed the request from LINN Energy, LLC to temporarily remove the wildlife exclusion netting during winter months for the following pit locations: Chevron C19 596, Latham O29 696, Water Impoundment Facility P32, and School House Point OM A21 696.

CPW is agreeable to a one-time allowance for removing pit netting during the winter of 2016. However, this allowance is conditioned upon the operator granting access to CPW personnel to conduct an onsite inspection of these locations on or after April 1, 2016 to ensure netting has been replaced and is effectively excluding wildlife. If the contents of any pit thaw prior to April 1st, the operator must reinstall nets at this time to avoid any wildlife casualties.

This area contains active greater sage-grouse lek sites and mapped production habitat, and pits must be covered while grouse are breeding and rearing young. Furthermore, CPW would like notification from the operator when nets are successfully reinstalled at each location.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife appreciates the advanced notice regarding this waiver request. If there are any questions regarding these comments or needs for further information, don't hesitate to contact Taylor Elm, Land Use Specialist, at (970) 947-2971.

Sincerely,

Michael Warren,  
NW Region Energy Liaison

Cc: Derek Johnson, LINN Energy, LLC  
J.T. Romatzke, Area Wildlife Manager (CPW)  
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