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## Parks and Wildlife

Department of Natural Resources

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Planning & GIS  
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1058 County Road 215  
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**RE: Terra Energy Partners and Colorado Parks & Wildlife - May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Pre-consultation Documentation**

Dear Mr. Tankersley,

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) appreciates the opportunity to review and coordinate on Terra Energy Partner's (TEP) upcoming locations to be permitted. This early review and discussion is extremely valuable for incorporating measures to avoid and minimize impacts to wildlife and their habitats.

On May 20th, 2019, CPW met with TEP at their Parachute office to discuss the locations outlined below. The intent of these discussions were to identify potential wildlife concerns, especially relating to COGCC's recently published objective screening criteria for new Form 2A permits. For each location, a brief narrative is provided to outline potential wildlife concerns, provide CPW's recommendations, and offer other pertinent information relating to each individual site. This letter verifies that TEP has conducted a pre-consultation review with CPW staff to preemptively address wildlife impacts during their planning processes.

### **RU 31-17 Pad**

This is an existing pad located outside of RSO or SWH habitats. However, the access road bisects mapped RSO habitats for cutthroat trout. The mapped habitats in question appear to all be ephemeral drainages connected to Beaver Creek. The access road has previously been constructed and no new crossing structures are necessary. TEP has provided copies of their stormwater management plan and their spill prevention and countermeasure plans to CPW. Additionally, TEP maintains a mobile spill response unit near the lower terminus of the proposed access road. CPW has reviewed these plans and does not have any additional recommendations or concerns at this time.

### **PA 31-26 Pad**

This is a proposed FED/FED pad located within mule deer severe winter range SWH. The Bureau of Land Management is implementing a full big-game winter range stipulation for construction, drilling, and completions at this location. CPW does not have additional recommendations beyond the requirements being implemented by the BLM.



#### GR 12-29 Pad

This is an existing FEE/FED location that falls within mule deer severe winter range SWH. The access road traverses mule deer and elk winter range SWH. CPW staff attended an onsite visit of this location with TEP and BLM on April 8, 2019. The BLM will be requiring a 60 day big-game winter timing stipulation (January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>). Due to the existing infrastructure in this area, CPW feels that the 60 day timing limitation is adequate to ensure protections for wintering animals in this area. There were no additional recommendations from CPW at this time.

#### GM 12-20 Pad

This is an existing FEE/FEE/FED location that is within mule deer severe winter range SWH. There will be no BLM timing stipulations required due to FEE/FEE ownership at the pad location. Given the existing infrastructure (pad and access road) and close proximity to other existing facilities, CPW does not feel that a winter timing stipulation is warranted. TEP will be adhering to their surface use agreement with the landowner. There are no additional recommendations from CPW at this time.

CPW appreciates the early involvement and discussions to avoid and minimize wildlife impacts from these proposed operations. If there are anticipated changes to the plans we've discussed, or needs for additional information, don't hesitate to contact CPW's Northwest Regional Energy Liaison, Taylor Elm, at (970) 255-6180 or by email at [taylor.elm@state.co.us](mailto:taylor.elm@state.co.us).

Sincerely,



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