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RE: Test CO2 Sequestration Well Moffat County, Colorado Sec 34, T6N, R91W

Dear Ms. Anderson,

Thank you for involving Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) in the comment process for the proposed test CO2 Sequestration Well, Moffat County, Colorado Sec. 34, T6N, R91W (on the Trapper Mine "D" pit location). CPW has reviewed the proposed location for potential impacts to wildlife and offer the following comments.

CPW identifies this site as being within mule deer winter range, elk winter concentration area and elk winter range. Our concern is that drilling operations minimize disturbance to deer and elk during the period between December 1 and March 15. We suggest that you implement the following BMPs to avoid and minimize impacts to deer and elk in this area.

- Construct the well pad and drill the test well outside the time period from December 1 through April 15.
- Utilize wildlife-friendly fencing to allow safe passage of animals through property; or utilize minimum 7-foot fencing (solid or mesh) to exclude wildlife from areas.
- Restore appropriate vegetation on disturbed the disturbed sites. Use recommended seed mixes for reseeding in areas of disturbance or restoration; avoid aggressive non-native grasses and shrubs.
- Minimize night lighting – use full cutoff lighting or timers to eliminate night lighting outside of hours of occupied operations.

While we have limited our comments to this specific test well location we reserve the right to comment on future CO2 sequestration wells, infrastructure development, and planning activities that may be necessary for a more fully developed sequestration project should the project move in that direction.

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Once again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. The mission of the CPW is to protect, preserve, enhance, and manage wildlife and their environment for the use, benefit and enjoyment of the people of Colorado and its visitors. One of the ways we achieve this mission is to comment on proposals such as the request we received from you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mike Swaro, the District Wildlife Manager in Craig. He can be reached at 970-878-6068.


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