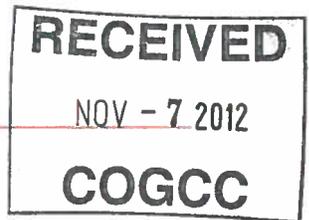




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November 2, 2012

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Shell Exploration & Production Company
US OG/HO Regulatory & Environmental Team

Dear Ms. Clark,

We have received and reviewed your request for a timing exception for the North Castor Gulch 1-16, Deal Gulch 1-16, and Herring Draw 1-33 well pad locations. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is willing to support (with the upmost caution), this request for an exception to winter-time drilling. Based on local knowledge of wildlife use in the area, CPW anticipates light to moderate impacts by extending the winter drilling period.

CPW agrees to the North Castor Gulch 1-16, Deal Gulch 1-16, and Herring Draw 1-33 exemptions; it will extend from December 1, 2012 through April 15, 2013. This exception is based on the work being done for the Shell-CPW Williams Fork Unit Wildlife Mitigation Plan and the assumption that it will be signed before December 1, 2012.

It is shells responsibility to file the sundry notice with the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to modify the agreed to best management practices for the North Castor Gulch 1-16, Deal Gulch 1-16, and Herring Draw 1-33 locations.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 970-878-6061 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bill de Vergie
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Meeker, Area 6

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