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Keith Caplan  
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RE: Wildlife Comment, "North Platte 14-34 Pad & North Platte 24-34 Pad" Form 2a near Hardin, Weld County (Document No. 400550334 & Document No. 400624405)

Dear Mr. Caplan:

Thank you for noting on your applications for the above mentioned Form 2a's that oil and gas facilities will be located in a wildlife restricted surface occupancy area. Oil and gas facilities from North Platte 14-34 Pad and North Platte 24-34 Pad will be located in Section 34, T5N, R63W, Weld County. Both sites are shown on the wildlife map provided on the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) website to be within the recommended 0.5 mile buffer zone for a ferruginous hawk nest.

A wildlife consult with Colorado Parks and Wildlife was triggered due to the intersection of the proposed oil and gas activities and a mapped ferruginous hawk nest located in the SE1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 34, T5N, R63W, Weld County. Our data indicates that the ferruginous hawk nest was identified and deemed active on April 29, 2010. However, our local District Wildlife Manager and wildlife biologist have field verified the nest site and determined that there has been no recent sign of activity at the nest, nor is there any associated alternate nest. The COGCC website indicates that Bonanza Creek Energy Operating Company LLC already has several active, producing gas wells in close proximity to the mapped ferruginous hawk nest location; and that these wells were drilled in 2012. There are also several other producing gas wells to the west and just within 0.5 mile of the mapped ferruginous hawk nest location. Based on this information, it is unlikely that the nest may become active again in the near future. Therefore, we conclude that there is no need for a 0.5 mile surface occupancy buffer around the nest location and seasonal timing restriction from February 1 to July 15 for human encroachment or construction activities within the 0.5 mile buffer.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Please contact either me at 970-472-4315 or Tom Schreiner at 303-291-7327 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark Leslie, Area  
Wildlife Manager

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