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Doug Sandridge  
Vice President - Lands  
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**RE: Hebron 1-18H & Gregory 5-09H Requested Waiver for Grouse Timing Restriction**

Dear Mr. Sandridge,

Colorado Parks and Wildlife has received the request from EE3, LLC to extend drilling and completions activities for the Hebron 1-18H and Gregory 5-09H locations into the spring restriction period for greater sage-grouse production sensitive wildlife habitat. The spring timing restriction extends from March 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> to protect sage-grouse lekking, nesting, and brood rearing activities.

Due to the existing disturbance around these previously constructed locations and their distance from the nearest active lek sites, CPW is amenable to a one-time waiver for activities occurring within the 2016 spring restriction period. CPW understands that drilling and completions work taking place this winter may need to extend into March of 2016 based on weather conditions and unforeseeable setbacks. CPW agrees to an extension of March 31<sup>st</sup> for drilling and completions at both locations. If conditions require work to extend beyond March 31<sup>st</sup>, CPW asks that an additional waiver request be submitted for further review.

It is the operator's responsibility to submit a sundry notice to COGCC to obtain an exemption from wildlife timing limitations or other restrictions.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife appreciates the operator's early communication regarding this matter. If there are any questions or needs for additional information don't hesitate to contact NW Energy Liaison, Michael Warren at (970) 255-6180 or Land Use Specialist, Taylor Elm at (970) 947-2971.

Sincerely,

Michael Warren, NW Region Energy Liaison

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