

Public Comments

The following comments were provided by members of the public and were considered during the technical review of this application.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
1	<p>Colorado Parks Wildlife (CPW) has mapped two sensitive wildlife habitats - bald eagle winter concentration area and potential burrowing owl nesting habitat - located in this proposed development.</p> <p>This site has mapped areas (trees, islands, etc.) within an existing winter range where eagles concentrate between November 15 and March 15. Therefore, if initial site disturbance is going to occur between these dates, then CPW recommends that the operator perform bald eagle surveys within 0.25-mile of the site for potential habitat (e.g., mature trees and/or riparian areas). If eagles are observed, please contact CPWs Northeast Region Energy Liaison (Brandon Marette) at (303) 291-7327 to determine next steps.</p> <p>CPW also recommends that the operator (or its biologist) conduct an initial site visit to determine if there are small mammal burrows (for burrowing owls) in and near the site boundaries. If small mammal burrows are present, then CPW recommends that the operator survey for burrowing owls if initial site disturbance will occur in small mammal burrows during the owls nesting season (March 15 through October 31). Burrowing owl survey protocol can be found here: https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/WildlifeSpecies/LivingWithWildlife/RecommendedSurveyOwls.pdf .</p> <p>CPW appreciates the collaboration, as we strive for responsible energy development while protecting sensitive habitats.</p> <p>Should the operator have any questions and/or request a site visit with CPW, please contact CPWs Northeast Region Energy Liaison (Brandon Marette) at (303) 291-7327.</p>	04/13/2018
2	<p>CPW has two additional comments - avoid potential raptor nesting habitat and lake shorelines.</p> <p>There are mature trees on edge on this property. Therefore, if initial site disturbance is going to occur between February 1 and July 15, CPW recommends that the operator perform raptor surveys. If nesting raptors are observed, then CPW recommends following the appropriate buffers and timing stipulations found in this document: https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/WildlifeSpecies/LivingWithWildlife/RaptorBufferGuidelines2008.pdf</p> <p>Also, to the extent possible, CPW recommends the edge of disturbance is >100 meters from the closest edge of any of the nearby lakes.</p> <p>Should the operator have any questions and/or request a site visit with CPW, please contact CPWs Northeast Region Energy Liaison (Brandon Marette) at (303) 291-7327.</p>	04/24/2018

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