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2103 East Park Avenue
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RE: SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC - Oxbow 0880 S29 Pad Letter of Support for Wildlife Timing Stipulations Exemption

Dear Stephanie,

CPW has received a request from Sandridge E&P for a letter of support regarding an exemption from wildlife timing stipulations at the proposed Oxbow Section 29 Pad. This pad is located in the SW ¼, SE ¼, Section 29, T8N, R80W in Jackson County, CO.

CPW staff visited this site with Sandridge representatives on August 28, 2017. During this onsite visit, it was determined that seasonal wildlife timing stipulations (i.e. greater sage-grouse production restrictions) were not necessary at this location for two primary reasons: 1) its close proximity to Highway 14 and existing disturbance, and 2) the lack of native vegetation and greater sage-grouse habitat surrounding the site. This location would be a viable option for construction, drilling, and completions activities within the grouse lekking, nesting, and brood rearing period.

There will not be seasonal wildlife timing restrictions recommended for the state Form2A permit for this location. CPW would be supportive of BLM granting an exemption to the federal timing restrictions for the reasons outlined above.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input on these decisions and collaborate with the BLM and Sandridge E&P on energy development projects in North Park. If there are any questions or needs for additional information, don't hesitate to contact Land Use Specialist, Taylor Elm at (970) 947-2971, or District Wildlife Manager, Josh Dilley at (970) 723-4625.

Sincerely,

Area Wildlife Manager - Area 10, Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Cc: Kelly Elliot, Natural Resource Specialist, BLM
Shawn Wiser, Wildlife Biologist, BLM
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