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## Parks and Wildlife

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Steve Freese  
Minerals Field Technician  
CO State Land Board  
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RE: Jackson County - Gulf Exploration Section 29 and 32 T10N R78W

Dear Mr. Freese,

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has reviewed the pertinent information regarding a request from Gulf Exploration to conduct Oil and Gas Operations in Section 29 and Section 32 T10N R78W of Jackson County, CO. This area contains important habitat for wintering big game species and greater sage-grouse. CPW has reviewed the locations and would like to offer the following recommendations for your consideration.

Due to heavy use of this area by mule deer and elk in the winter and its proximity to active greater sage-grouse leks, CPW recommends a restriction on oil and gas operations (construction, drilling, and completions) from December 1 to June 30 (allowable time between July 1 and November 30). Additionally, CPW recommends a daily timing restriction for production phase well-site visitations with allowable activity between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm during the dates of December 1 to June 30.

If operations during seasonal restrictions are necessary, collaboration with local CPW field staff is highly encouraged. CPW recommends adherence to stipulations set by the State Land Board's Greater Sage-Grouse Stewardship Action Plan of 2016. Noise mitigation in the form of mufflers, as well as BMPs to minimize light pollution during seasonal restrictions will help reduce disturbance to wildlife in the area.

Actions should be taken to avoid disturbance within wetland and riparian habitats. If damage occurs to soils and vegetation, reclamation and weed monitoring should be required of the operator in these areas. Operators equipment should be cleaned of debris and potential noxious weed propagules before its use in Jackson County. Wildlife friendly fencing and reclamation of the pad site should be completed as soon as feasible.



Colorado Parks and Wildlife appreciates the opportunity to review and submit comments on this project. If there are any questions or needs for additional information, please contact Taylor Elm, Energy Liaison at (970) 255-6180 or Zach Weaver, District Wildlife Manager at (970) 819-7547.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kris Middledorf". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kris Middledorf, Area Wildlife Manager

Cc. JT Romatzke, Northwest Regional Manager  
Taylor Elm, Energy Liaison  
Josh Dilley, Assistant Area Wildlife Manager  
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