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### Parks and Wildlife

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Allen Crocket  
Bureau of Land Management  
Colorado River Valley Field Office  
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#### RE: Terra Energy Partners RWF 43-9 Proposed Pad Location

Dear Allen,

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) staff members have been working with Terra Energy Partners regarding a proposed pad location to access leased minerals within the Anvil Points ACEC area. This area was designated as an ACEC and no surface occupancy (NSO) area for oil and gas development to protect sensitive wildlife migration corridors and seclusion habitat.

CPW initially conducted an onsite pre-consultation of the proposed RWF 31-9 pad on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. As outlined in our comment letter dated September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, we did not feel this location was compatible with the intent of the ACEC (approximately 600 yards within ACEC boundary), and that wildlife impacts could not be adequately avoided or mitigated.

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Terra, BLM, and CPW staff held a second onsite consultation to review a revised pad location (RWF 43-9). This location is just within the ACEC boundary (approx. 50 yards from pad center), but considerably farther to the south. CPW feels that the new location will have less of an overall impact to the wildlife seclusion area and migration corridor. This location is an adequate compromise for the following reasons:

1. By shifting this location farther south, Terra has reduced the need to construct the RWF 41-16 pad. This location was in heavily used winter range for mule deer.
2. Terra has confirmed that condensate and produced water can be piped off of the proposed pad to existing pads outside the ACEC boundary. This will greatly reduce truck traffic and residual impacts to wildlife after construction, drilling, and completions.
3. Terra has indicated they will work with CPW regarding the timing of construction, drilling, and completions for this location. If winter months are impacted, CPW feels that an increased mitigation credit ratio may be necessary to effectively mitigate wildlife impacts.

This letter represents CPW's consent of the proposed RWF 43-9 pad location, as required under the Colorado River Valley Field Office's Roan Plateau RMPA of 2006. If there are any



questions or needs for additional information, don't hesitate to contact NW Region Energy Liaison, Taylor Elm, at (970) 255-6180 or District Wildlife Manager, Scott Hoyer, at (970) 250-0873.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kirk Oldham', with a stylized, cursive script.

Kirk Oldham, Area Wildlife Manger

cc. Jim Byers, Natural Resource Specialist (BLM)  
Adam Tankersley, Planning & GIS (TEP)  
Scott Hoyer, District Wildlife Manager (CPW)  
Taylor Elm, NW Region Energy Liaison (CPW)  
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