

Public Comments

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

No.	Comment	Comment Date
1	<p>This parcel is located within or near Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) mapped Plains Sharp-tailed Grouse (PSTG) overall range, potential Mountain Plover and Burrowing Owl nesting habitats, and potential Swift Fox denning habitats.</p> <p>Therefore, CPW recommends that the operator conduct a PSTG survey if the initial site disturbance is going to occur between March 1 and June 30.</p> <p>Also, if the initial site disturbance is planned to occur between March 15 through July 31, then CPW recommends that a biologist survey this parcel for an active Mountain Plover nests. If an active nest is observed, then CPW recommends no surface occupancy within a 300-ft buffer of the active nest until the young are no longer dependent on the nest.</p> <p>If small mammal burrows are present, then CPW recommends that the operator survey for Burrowing Owls if initial site disturbance will occur in these burrows during the owl's 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 also recommends that the operator (or its biologist) conduct an initial site visit to determine if there are larger (~8-inch) dens (for Swift Fox) in and near the site boundaries. If larger dens are present, and initial site disturbance will occur during the Swift Fox's denning season (April 1 through June 30), then CPW recommends that the operator contact us for Swift Fox survey protocol.</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 CPW's Northeast Region Energy Liaison (Brandon Marett) at (303) 291-7327.</p>	08/21/2018
2	<p>Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) has mapped four potential sensitive wildlife habitats located in and near this proposed development: 1) Within the overall range of Plains Sharp-tailed Grouse (PSTG), 2) Potential nesting habitats for Mountain Plovers, 3) Potential nesting habitats for Burrowing Owls, and 4) Potential swift fox denning habitats.</p> <p>1) If the initial site disturbance is going to occur between March 1 and June 30, then CPW recommends that a biologist conduct a PSTG survey. If any PSTG are observed, please contact CPW with the location and for next steps.</p> <p>2) If the initial site disturbance is planned to occur between March 15 through July 31, then CPW recommends that a biologist survey this parcel for an active mountain plover nests. If an active nest is observed, then CPW recommends no surface occupancy within a 300-ft buffer of the active nest until the young are no longer dependent on the nest.</p> <p>3) If small mammal burrows are present, and if initial site disturbance will occur in these burrows during the owl's nesting season (March 15 through October 31), then CPW recommends that a biologist survey for Burrowing Owls. Burrowing Owl survey protocol and buffer distances can be found here: https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/WildlifeSpecies/LivingWithWildlife/RecommendedSurveyOwls.pdf.</p> <p>4) CPW also recommends that the operator's biologist conduct an initial site visit to determine if there are medium-sized (~8-inch) dens (for swift fox) in and near the site boundaries. If these dens are present, and initial site disturbance will occur during the swift fox's denning season (April 1 through June 30), then CPW recommends that the operator contact us for swift fox survey protocol.</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 CPW's Northeast Region Energy Liaison (Brandon Marett) at (303) 291-7327.</p>	08/24/2018

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