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RE: (603-140) Clover Pad Location, 2024 Avian Summary, Weld County, Colorado

Mr. Riemer,

On behalf of Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP (KMOG), Two Dot Consulting (2DOT), a Montrose Environmental Company, conducted a pre-construction environmental review of the Clover Pad (Site) to identify potential Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW)-mapped high priority habitat (HPH) species of concern that may be affected by construction activities at the Site. The site is located in Township 2 North, Range 67 West, Section 29, in Weld County, Colorado.

On May 7, 2024, 2DOT conducted an initial site visit and observed two occupied red-tailed hawk (RTHA) nests within $\frac{1}{3}$ mile of the Site. CPW recommends “no surface occupancy (beyond that which historically occurred in the area) within $\frac{1}{3}$ mile radius of active nests. No permitted, authorized, or human encroachment activities within $\frac{1}{3}$ mile radius of active nests from February 15 through July 15”.

Additionally, 2DOT identified potential burrowing owl (BUOW) habitat (i.e., active prairie dog colony) present within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of the Site. CPW recommends “no permitted or authorized surface disturbing activities within 656 feet (200 meters) of burrowing owl nests during the nesting season (March 15 - August 31). CPW recommends $\frac{1}{4}$ mile (400 meters) for large industrial disturbances (drill rig, building a residential development, etc.)”.

Due to the presence of two active RTHA nests, 2DOT conducted raptor nest surveys, in accordance with CPW Raptor Nest Survey protocol from May 7 to June 28, 2024. On June 28, 2024 the two RTHA nestlings were confirmed fledged from the nest, thus concluding the surveys.

Due to the presence of potential BUOW habitat, 2DOT conducted BUOW call-broadcast surveys May 7, 15, 21, June 28, and July 2, 2024, in accordance with CPW BUOW protocol. No BUOW were observed or heard by biologists during the surveys.

No other CPW species of greatest conservation need (SGCN) were observed during continued site visits and nest surveys between May 7, and June 28, 2024.

Thank you,

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