



**WILDLIFE SURVEY SUMMARY – T175-2**

Bishop Loss of Containment  
Galeton, CO

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The T175-2 parcel was visited multiple times between April 29 and September 3, 2025, to assess potential impacts related to the Bishop Loss of Containment. On April 29, the wildlife team conducted a residential wildlife survey during the initial residential assessment. CTEH’s and H2’s evaluators determined that no impacts were observed within the parcel and therefore, no cleaning scope was developed for this parcel.

This parcel is situated within mule deer severe winter range high priority habitat. Operator incorporated best management practices to minimize the likelihood of potential impacts to wildlife resources. To date, wildlife assessments have been undertaken on April 29, June 11, 13, and 19, July 10, and September 3. During the April 29 wildlife assessment, two raptor nests were observed in the same tree on the northeastern corner of the parcel, which may be found at 40.52326, -104.601763. The nest was occupied by a pair of Red-tailed hawks at the time of the June 11 wildlife assessment. No potential impacts to wildlife resources have been observed.

**WILDLIFE FINDINGS**

Property T #	Survey Date	Activity Type	Survey Notes
T175-2	April 29, 2025	Initial Assessment - Residential	Assessed as potential decontamination site. Unidentified songbird nests and a dry canal that could provide intermittent habitat were present. No other wildlife impacts observed. Two inactive raptor nests observed in the northeastern most tree of the parcel.
	June 11, 2025	Nest Survey	An inactive raptor and an active red-tailed hawk nest located at 40.52326, -104.601763 was observed. Observed an adult RTHA arrive to swap out partner. Observed adult RTHA sitting in nest after swap.
	June 13, 2025	Nest Survey	Nest occupied by RTHA at time of survey.
	June 19, 2025	Nest Survey	Nest occupied by RTHA at time of survey.
	July 10, 2025	Nest Survey	Nest occupied by RTHA and two fledglings at time of survey
	September 3, 2025	Nest Survey	No activity was observed ion the nest, RTHA Observed in the area

**METHODS**

Initial Assessment – Residential Wildlife Survey: A systematic pedestrian survey was conducted covering all structures, debris piles, machinery, and vegetative cover within the residential parcel. The survey included a visual inspection for evidence of wildlife use, including nests, mammal refugia, amphibian and reptiles’ presence, and carcasses. Nest searches included observation of trees, shrubs, tall grasses, building exteriors, and other structural or mechanical cavities for both active and

inactive songbird and raptor nests. Ground level searches focused on potential nesting sites in tall native grasses, in shrubs, or in burrows. Each nest or potential nest site was located, photographed, and its status documented. Potential small mammal refugia was inspected by searching parcel for debris piles, discarded machinery and equipment, burrows, and patches of dense vegetation that could provide cover to mammals, amphibians, and reptiles. Each location was located, photographed, and described in field notes as a potential site, confirmed mammal observation, or a sign of mammal use. Throughout the survey, the parcel was scanned for carcasses, signs of moribund wildlife, and oiled wildlife, with findings documented in accordance with Wildlife Response Plan. Additionally, a desktop assessment was conducted prior to the pedestrian survey to review locations and statuses of known raptor nests within 0.5 mile of the parcel. These data informed targeted nest searches and were re-checked prior to any cleaning activities to ensure compliance with seasonal timing restrictions and Colorado Parks and Wildlife buffer requirements.

Nest Survey: Surveys were conducted to identify and monitor the activity status of raptor nests located on the parcel. Binocular and spotting scope observations were used to determine occupancy, nesting stage, and potential disturbance risk from remediation activities. Observations followed established agency guidance for minimizing disturbance during nesting season and were documented with GPS points and behavior notes.

**SURVEY MAP**



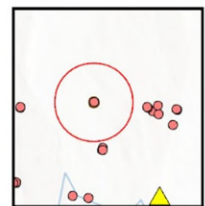
**BISHOP LOSS OF CONTAINMENT  
T175-2: 0.35 Acres**

- ▲ Incident Location
- Habitat Assessment
- Raptor Nest, Inactive Nest
- Raptor Nest: Active Nest
- Undetermined Songbird Nest Status
- Local Road
- Parcel Boundary

WELD County, Colorado  
NAD 1983 UTM Zone 13N

- Raptor Nest
- Raptor Nest Buffer (0.5-mile)

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