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## Parks and Wildlife

Department of Natural Resources

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January 14, 2018

Timothy Cazier  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety  
1313 Sherman St. Room 215  
Denver, CO. 80203

Re: The Turquoise Connection, Inc., Scott Blue II, Permit No. M-2007-031- AM01

Dear Mr. Cazier,

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is in receipt of the above referenced permit application and is familiar with the site located at or near Sections 13, Township 15S, Range 70W, 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian in Teller County. CPW staff offers the following comments for your consideration.

CPW suggests care be taken during mining to avoid excess erosion or disturbance of more land than necessary to accomplish the project. We also suggest the area be reasonably reclaimed following mining. We recommend reusing the original top soil that is removed from the surface by placing it back in its original location after mining is completed. Once the original top soil is in place, we recommend planting the disturbed areas with native vegetation that matches the native vegetation already present in the surrounding area.

CPW recommends the development and implementation of a noxious weed control plan for the site. All disturbed soils should be monitored for noxious weeds and noxious weeds should be actively controlled until native plant revegetation and reclamation is achieved.

If fill material will be used in the project, CPW recommends using a native fill material that would be conducive to growing native vegetation. Non-native vegetation can out-compete native vegetation and thus degrade valuable wildlife habitat.

CPW also recommends that at each trench a gradual slope be in place leading out. This would allow any wildlife that happens to fall in the trenches to escape with ease.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this permit application. If you have any questions or require additional information please contact District Wildlife Manager Tim Kroening at 719-227-5281 or via e-mail [tim.kroening@state.co.us](mailto:tim.kroening@state.co.us).



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank McGee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Frank" and last name "McGee" clearly distinguishable.

Frank McGee  
Area Wildlife Manager

Cc: Tim Kroening DWM  
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Area 14 File