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Hey Nicki: Leticia sent her response for the Deer Creek Shaft Fence project this afternoon.  
Dan

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Good afternoon Dan,

R2023020408001 - ☒ Previously covered adequately, no field work needed  
The proposed action has been analyzed by heritage staff and falls within the area of previous disturbance in creation of the well pad. No additional work is needed.

Thank you,

Leticia

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**From:** Gray, Daniel -FS <[daniel.gray@usda.gov](mailto:daniel.gray@usda.gov)>  
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**Subject:** Deer Creek Shaft Fence Relocation (West Elk Mine)

Hi Leticia: The West Elk Mine is being required to move a fenceline around one of its air shafts by CDPHE (Colo. Dept. of Public Health and Environment). The shaft is located up the Dry Fork Road (711) just east of Paonia. The mine is proposing to move the fenceline (see attached map) outward slightly from its present location which is close to the edge of the pad at the present time. You can see the pad footprint inside the yellow line which will be the new fence alignment.

West Elk Mine will hand thin (with chainsaws) and possibly use a mulching head on a skidster to clear a 6 foot right of way for the new fence which will be about 1,200 feet long around the perimeter of the air shaft pad. I've included the previous cultural resource survey that was carried out for the Deer Creek Shaft (and some methane drainage wells) in 2005, it is also represented on the map by the orange outline.

If you have any questions let me know. In the following email I will send the shapefile for the fence alignment that was provided by the mine.

Thanks,  
Dan

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