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Hey Nicki: I sent the information to our district wildlife biologist (Valerie) about the Deer Creek Shaft fence relocation and she sent me the following reply. I just sent all of the info to our zone archaeologist and will wait for her response. As soon as we get Leticia's response you can get going on the fence.

Dan

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Hi Dan, given the location, vegetation type, size of the project, and the time of year the work will be completed (fall), I don't have any wildlife concerns. Let me know if you need anything else.

Best,  
Valerie



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Hey Valerie: This is the fence that West Elk Mine is being required to build around the Deer Creek Shaft this fall by CDPHE (Colo. Dept. of Public Health and Environment). The fence will be roughly 1,186 feet long and with a roughly 6 foot clearing width it will equal about 7,116 square feet of vegetation displacement or roughly 0.16 acres. They will clear a 6 foot swath for the fence by hand and with a skidster. I used this old veg layer and it describes the dominant vegetation as aspen but it is actually oakbrush and mountain shrub. I'll send the shapefile for the fence in the next email.

Dan

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