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Parks and Wildlife

Department of Natural Resources

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Elliott Russell
Environmental Protection Specialist
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
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RE: Teller - Quist Mine Permit No. 2023-002

Dear Mr. Russell

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) is in receipt of the above referenced permit number and is familiar with the site located at or near Section 10 and 11, Township 12S, Range 71W, in Teller County, Colorado. CPW offers the following comments for your consideration.

The site is representative of montane forest. This habitat type will sustain numerous wildlife species including elk, moose, deer, bear, mountain lion, coyote, raptors, ground nesting birds, and numerous small mammals.

The site falls within a “winter concentration area” for mule deer. This specific type of area provides essential habitat for the deer to make it through the winter months. CPW recommends avoiding operations during the winter months in order to minimize disturbance to the species.

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. It is recommended that all disturbed soils in the area be monitored for noxious weeds and noxious weeds should be actively controlled until native plant revegetation and reclamation is



achieved. It is recommended that all areas disturbed by the development be revegetated with native plant species.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. For any additional information please contact District Wildlife Manager Drew Vrbenec at 719-439-9638 or via email at drew.vrbenec@state.co.us

Sincerely,

Tim Kroening
Area Wildlife Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Kroening', with a stylized flourish at the end.

CC: Drew Vrbenec DWM
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