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September 29, 2023

Elliott Russell  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety  
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RE: Glen Johnston Site 1 Gravel Mine Permit No. M1982044

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 33, Township 12S, Range 69W, 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 various small mammals.

The site falls within a “winter range” for mule deer and elk. This specific type of area provides essential habitat for the two species making their presence very common in 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 (whenever applicable) 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.

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 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](mailto:drew.vrbenec@state.co.us)

Sincerely,

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

Tim Kroening  
Area 14 Wildlife Manager

CC: Drew Vrbenec DWM  
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Russell - DNR, Elliott &lt;elliott.russell@state.co.us&gt;

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## Glen Johnston Gravel Mine Comment

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To: Elliott Russell - DNR <elliott.russell@state.co.us>

Wed, Oct 11, 2023 at 9:17 AM

Hey Elliott,

Attached Below is a comment letter for the Johnston Gravel Mine in Teller Co.

Thanks,

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Drew Vrbenec  
District Wildlife Manager  
Woodland Park - Teller County North



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