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Trapper Mine TR-135

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Cc: "Jones - DNR, Evan" <evanm.jones@state.co.us>, Johnathan Lambert - DNR <johnathan.lambert@state.co.us>

Robin,

Thank you for including CPW in your noticing process. I've attached our comment letter regarding Trapper Mine's TR-135.

Please contact Evan Jones or me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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March 18, 2024

Robin A. Reilley, GISP
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**Re: Trapper Mine (Permit No. C-1981-010),
Technical Revision NO. 135 (TR-123)
L-Pit (K Knob) Extension and East J-Pit Dragline Cuts**

Dear Ms. Reilley:

Thank you for giving Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) an opportunity to comment on Trapper Mine's application to revise coal mining operations.

It is our understanding that Trapper Mine intends to disturb an additional 100.1 acres in total in the L-Pit and new East J-Pit. It is also CPW's understanding that some of the proposed disturbance is outside the area currently approved for disturbance but still within Trapper Mine's project boundary.

CPW has worked collaboratively with the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) and Trapper Mine to develop site-specific mitigation that will help reduce, minimize or avoid impacts to wildlife and wildlife habitat. These mitigation practices have been well documented via other correspondence with OSMRE as it has related to Trapper Mine Permit Revisions in the past. CPW recommends the utilization of these same mitigation practices continue with this revision to Trapper's coal mining operations.

At this time CPW has no additional comments for the proposed revision.

CPW appreciates the opportunity to provide comments for the Technical Revision to the Mine. For additional information, please contact District Wildlife Manager, Evan Jones at PHONE # 970-942-7696 or by email at evanm.jones@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Johnathan Lambert, Area Wildlife Manager

Cc: Evan Jones, District Wildlife Manager, Craig South

