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RE: Midwest Farms- File No. M-1993-059, Midwest Farms Surety Release Request Application (SL-1) Full/Final Release

This letter is to express concerns by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) on the Surety Release Request for Midwest Farms located at Section 18, Township 23S, Range 42W near Holly, Colorado. CPW recommends that DRMS not approve the Surety Release Request. CPW also recommends that DRMS do a site visit to evaluate the vegetation and reclamation progress. DRMS was requested to do a site visit in 2022 but due to time constraints could not do so. 2024 is supposed to be the next scheduled site visit.

CPW has a few concerns in the current state of recovery of the affected area, two of which are major. The first concern is the lack of grass growing in the disturbed area after seeding. The second concern is the presence of noxious weeds, such as tamarisk which should have been mitigated throughout the last several years, yet new growth remains unhindered.

If DRMS would be willing to do a site visit CPW staff would be made available to join them and discuss the issues that create concern.

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