

May 2, 2024

Hunter Ridley, Environmental Protection Specialist
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman St., Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Tallahassee Resources Exploration P-2023-015
Response to DRMS Inquiry regarding CO Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Recommendation Letter of
August 14, 2023

Dear Ms. Ridley,

Tallahassee Resources LLC (Tallahassee) first became aware of the CPW letter dated August 14, 2023 in an email from Director Dan Victoria of Fremont County Department of Planning and Zoning on March 20, 2024. The CPW letter was attached to an email dated March 22, 2024, sent to Dr. Angela Bellantoni. Immediately upon receiving the CPW letter, Dr. Bellantoni forwarded the letter to Tallahassee.

Tallahassee previously reached out to CPW in May 2023 during preparation of the Fremont County Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application. CPW indicated the agency would respond to a referral from Fremont County during application review. Since the CUP application required addressing potential impacts to wildlife, Tallahassee researched the Black Range Minerals' 2008 Fremont County CUP application file for the CPW review and found a then CO Division of Wildlife letter dated May 6, 2008. The May 2008 letter was submitted as Exhibit 2.5.2 in the Tallahassee CUP 2023 application response to CUP Item 2.5.1 provided below.

[Exhibit 2.5.1 Wildlife and Plant Protection Measures](#)

Tallahassee reviewed CPW (then CDOW) May 6, 2008 comments to Black Range Minerals that are provided herein as Exhibit 2.5.2. Tallahassee will implement CPW's summarized suggestions with a few additions. Exploration will typically use one drill rig operating at a time but may use up to three rigs for limited periods. Exploration will not occur during winter months from December 1st to April 30th. By implementing the carry-in/carry-out refuse management plan, a bear proof dumpster will not be necessary.

Tallahassee's CUP and NOI complies with numerous recommendations in the August 2023 CPW letter.

- The exploration program has seasonal limitations with commitment to complete exploration and reclamation outside the winter season.
- Tallahassee is making every effort to limit the total ground disturbance as much as possible.
- Reclamation will commence as soon as possible after the drilling and surveying has been completed.



Tallahassee has already taken significant steps to reduce potential impacts to big game and aquatic species.

- Potential impacts to big game, cattle and personnel associated with mud pits/sumps are eliminated by utilizing a Solids Recovery Unit (SRU).
- The field season will be completed between May 1 and November 30.
- “Bear Aware” education is part of the pre-field safety training for our staff and our contractors planned for May 6, 2024.

CPW also makes several recommendations should the project go forward to a mining stage. These will be considered and discussed with CPW at an appropriate time in the future.

Tallahassee will continue to follow the recommendations as outlined in the approved CUP and NOI permits. However, any adjustments to our program to follow the recommendations that were received after our approvals will be at our discretion.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy R. Brown

