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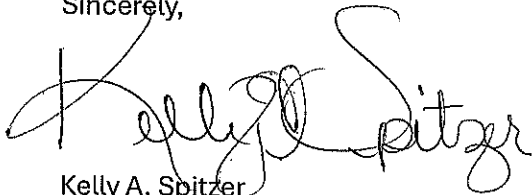
Dear Joel,

Since your on-site inspection on May 1st and having received your inspection report dated June 17, 2024, we have been in discussions with local officials from Colorado Parks and Wildlife to address the Tamarisk issue at the Midwestern Farms site. Even though the Tamarisk was not part of our agreement with CPW and wasn't a big issue in the DRMS 2017 report, Midwestern Farms wants to help mitigate the Tamarisk. The Tamarisk will always be a maintenance issue because of the ponds' proximity to the river, as noted in the DRMS 2017 report.

After visiting with the Division about a solution, Midwestern Farms is requesting an extension through May of 2025 to work cooperatively with the CPW to address the Tamarisk. Midwestern Farms will also spot spread seed, even though the grass established appears to be over 60% live cover as required in our agreement with the CPW.

Our goal is to have this ground released in 2025. We are coordinating with the CPW to come up with a plan that will hopefully ensure success, as we both want a nice area for local people to enjoy. Midwestern Farms is hopeful the DRMS will approve our request for an extension through May of 2025. Please know that we appreciate your time and interest in supporting efforts in Southeastern Colorado. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly A. Spitzer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kelly" and last name "Spitzer" clearly distinguishable.

Kelly A. Spitzer
Midwestern Farms, LLP

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Renfro - DNR, Joel <joel.renfro@state.co.us>


Midwestern Farms letter to DRMS

5 messages

kelly@tempelgrain.com <kelly@tempelgrain.com>
To: "Renfro - DNR, Joel" <joel.renfro@state.co.us>

Thu, Aug 15, 2024 at 10:19 AM

Joel,
I forgot to date the letter, so I am resending the letter with a date on it. Please let me know if this will work for you. Thank you!!
Kelly

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Renfro - DNR, Joel <joel.renfro@state.co.us>
To: kelly@tempelgrain.com

Thu, Aug 15, 2024 at 10:55 AM

Hi Kelly,

Thank you for resending a dated letter. Could you please confirm an exact date in May 2025 you're requesting an extension to? No need to rewrite the letter if you'd just like to confirm a date over email.

I haven't received a letter from Todd yet, but once I do, I will compile all of this into a packet and file it. Once that's done I can send you a letter confirming the extension. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thanks,

Joel

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kelly@tempelgrain.com <kelly@tempelgrain.com>
To: "Renfro - DNR, Joel" <joel.renfro@state.co.us>

Thu, Aug 15, 2024 at 11:02 AM

Let's say May 31, just to be safe. The plan will depend on the weather.

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Renfro - DNR, Joel <joel.renfro@state.co.us>
To: kelly@tempelgrain.com

Thu, Aug 15, 2024 at 11:38 AM

Thanks for confirming a date! I will send you the approval letter once Todd reaches out.

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kelly@tempelgrain.com <kelly@tempelgrain.com>
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Thu, Aug 15, 2024 at 12:10 PM

Thank you!!

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Midwest Farms

1 message

Marriott - DNR, Todd <todd.marriott@state.co.us>
To: Joel Renfro - DNR <joel.renfro@state.co.us>

Thu, Aug 15, 2024 at 5:20 PM

I talked with Kelly yesterday and it sounds like they are asking for an extension. I am in support of them getting an extension and would like to ask for an extended extension.

I would like to see an extension until May of 2025. While I know this sounds like a long time I will explain why I am asking for this. With the difficulties associated with tamarisk removal we would like time to use several different methods to make sure that our efforts are effective.

Our plan is to sit down with Greg and Kelly to make a multi level plan. This will include a chemical treatment to get an initial start on the plants. After a chemical treatment, we would then come in after a few months and do a mechanical removal. After the mechanical removal we would like to wait until early spring to watch for any new sprouts coming from the treated plants. Many times with Tamarisk removal, if it is not properly treated and removed, any remaining root system can still sprout new trees.

We feel that this plan would be beneficial to all of us in the long run for the management of the property.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out.

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