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## Russel Gulch CPW comments

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To: Leigh Simmons - DNR <Leigh.Simmons@state.co.us>

Mon, Mar 10, 2025 at 10:29 AM

Hello Leigh,  
Attached below are the CPW comments for the proposed Russell Gulch Mine Rec. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.  
Thank you,  
Tim

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RE: Russell Gulch Reclamation Project, File No. M-2025-003. Application to conduct a(n) Surface mining and reclamation operation, at or near Section 14, Township 14S, Range 73W, 06th Principle Meridian, in Gilpin County.

Ms. Simmons,

Thank you for the opportunity to review your application for the (110d) Operation Reclamation Permit for the Russell Gulch Reclamation Project. This project consists of removing 50,000 tons of existing mine waste (tailings). The existing tailings will be processed into a concentrate and a benign by product, both of which will be removed from the property.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife's (CPW) goal in responding to land use proposals such as this is to provide complete, consistent, and timely information to all entities who request comment on matters within our statutory authority.

CPW believes this project will, at a minimum, be wildlife neutral in its impacts to local wildlife populations. CPW recommends that during and after the reclamation process, efforts are made to reduce/minimize any and all erosion at the site and have in place a comprehensive invasive weed plan.

CPW also recommends that after the mining reclamation process is complete, that a minimum of 12 inches of clean fill with incorporated soil amendments (organics) be place over all disturbed areas. If the soil is acidic, CPW recommends adding amendments to neutralize the acidity. All disturbed areas should be revegetated with native grasses and forbs and covered with weed free straw and woody material. Efforts should also be made during the reclamation process to reduce/minimize any and all erosion.



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CPW would be happy to assist in any further consultation regarding the impacts to wildlife as you move forward. Please contact Tim Woodward at (303) 829-2428 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Tim Woodward  
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