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RE Brown Quarry, File No. M-2024-023 Colorado Parks and Wildlife Comments

West - DNR, Molly <molly.west@state.co.us>

Mon, May 5, 2025 at 3:28 PM

To: "defiancestone11@gmail.com" <defiancestone11@gmail.com>, Leigh Simmons - DNR <leigh.simmons@state.co.us>

Cc: Darren Chacon - DNR <darren.chacon@state.co.us>

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Robert,

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you regarding your proposed quarry north of Dotsero.

Mapped High Priority Wildlife Habitats that this proposal will interact with include Bighorn Sheep winter range and production area, and Peregrine Falcon nesting sites. After a thorough site visit that allowed a visual inspection of the habitat and provided an understanding of planned operations, CPW does not expect that the proposed project will have negative impacts on wildlife. Most wildlife evidence observed onsite was transient in nature, indicating that while wildlife move through this area but they do not occupy it regularly. No Peregrine Falcon nests have been observed in the immediate area.

CPW's comment letter dated October 22, 2024, includes the following general recommendations to protect wildlife that utilize the project area and recommends the following BMP's continue to be included in the permit for Brown's Quarry.

- Implement a dust suppression program on all dirt access roads and work surfaces that utilize fresh water.
- Integrate a weed management plan in agreement with Eagle County's plan to control and eliminate the spread of noxious weeds in and around the area. Invasive plants endanger the ecosystem by disturbing natural processes and jeopardizing the survival of native plants and the wildlife that depend on them.
- Re-seed disturbed soils with a wildlife-friendly seed mix recommended by the Colorado Seed Mix tool, which should be utilized to help identify and verify appropriate native plant species for this area and the wildlife species present.
- Install appropriate stormwater and erosion control BMPs for any disturbed areas to reduce the transport of sediment off-site. These BMPs should remain in place until revegetation is achieved.
- Dogs should not be allowed at the Project location.
- Trash and debris should be removed daily.
- Lighting should be capped from above to help reduce night-sky light pollution and avoid interference with nocturnal wildlife behavior.
- Conduct work only during daylight hours to minimize disturbance to wildlife that utilize this area to protect nocturnal wildlife behavior.

In addition to wildlife habitat, this area is highly used by recreationists. CPW does not recommend a fence that excludes wildlife, but a gate that excludes recreation opportunities within the project area should be considered.

If you have any further questions, please reach out for clarification.

Sincerely,

Molly West

Land Use Specialist

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On Tue, Apr 29, 2025 at 8:33 AM West - DNR, Molly <molly.west@state.co.us> wrote:

I spoke with Robert this morning and he is wanting to meet at 9:00 in Dotsero at the roundabout. I am coming from GJ and can stop into the office and ride together if you want.

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From: **West - DNR, Molly** <molly.west@state.co.us>

Date: Wed, Apr 23, 2025, 10:57 AM

Subject: Fwd: RE Brown Quarry, File No. M-2024-023 Colorado Parks and Wildlife Comments

To: Darren Chacon - DNR <darren.chacon@state.co.us>

Darren,

I worked on this with Brian last fall, and have told Matt that I will stay engaged in his absence I have been in contact with the project applicant and he has questions about our comments and where there might be some flexibility. I am meeting with him on Wednesday April 30 midday for a field visit north of Dotsero if you would like to join us. I will update you if you are not available.

Regardless, we have submitted the attached comments to DRMS so ultimately it is their decision on what to incorporate. I will be helping him to understand those comments and that process.

Let me know if you have anything to add or would like to join us next Wednesday.

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From: **West - DNR, Molly** <molly.west@state.co.us>

Date: Tue, Oct 22, 2024, 9:13 PM

Subject: Re: RE Brown Quarry, File No. M-2024-023 Colorado Parks and Wildlife Comments

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