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Re: [EXTERNAL] Yoast section 7 concurrence

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To: "Reilley - DNR, Robin" <robin.reilley@state.co.us>

Thu, Jun 26, 2025 at 9:30 AM

Robin,

Thank you for reaching out. This email responds to your June 25, 2025, request for review on the renewal of the permit for the Yoast Mine. We have reviewed the action, and due to the location and the baseline disturbance within the action area, we have no concerns with the impacts of the project on threatened and endangered species. Regarding the addition of gray wolf, on November 8, 2023, the Service promulgated an ESA section 10(j) (i.e., experimental population) rule for gray wolf within the State of Colorado (88 FR 77014). In our final 10(j) rule, the Service determined that the reintroduced population in Colorado is nonessential to the continued existence of the gray wolf in the wild, meaning the loss of the gray wolf population in Colorado will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the species in the wild. Thus, this action will not jeopardize the continued existence of gray wolf.

We appreciate you informing us of your analysis and your efforts to conserve threatened and endangered species. With this email, our joint responsibilities under Section 7 are fulfilled. For future reference, here is a quick fact sheet from another region in the Service regarding how the Section 7 process works:

<https://www.fws.gov/program/pacific-southwest-region-section-7-consultation/pacific-southwest-region-section-7a2>.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Have a great day!

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Good Afternoon Jay,

Please find DRMS's evaluation of the Yoast Mine's review of T/E species for their renewal 6 (RN6). Should you have questions or require additional information or clarification please let me know, I'm available.

Best Regards

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