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**RE: Notice of 110(c) to 112(c) Construction Materials Reclamation Permit Conversion  
Application Consideration Northwest Aggregates, Inc., Wand Pit, Permit No. M-2010-007**

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed conversion of the Northwest Aggregates Inc. Wand Pit facility from a 110(c) to 112(c) permit, located in Section 4, T6N, R90W in Moffat County.

The proposed conversion could result in the modification of an additional 120 acres of habitat, potentially affecting a number of wildlife species. CPW is particularly concerned with potential impacts to the Yampa River associated with this conversion.

Currently, Northwest Aggregates has mined to the edge of the Yampa River near the southern edge of the Wand Pit property. CPW encourages continued diligence in its storm water management actions to ensure that the Yampa River is not impacted from this operation. CPW also encourages comprehensive reclamation of this location as soon as possible to prevent sedimentation and run-off from entering the Yampa River and to re-establish healthy vegetation communities. As with all gravel mining operations, reclamation is a very important step for final project conclusion. Aggressively treating noxious weeds, and establishing native plant communities helps greatly in restoring wildlife habitats that have been modified.

Please let us know of any questions that you may have, and any assistance that we can provide to ensure that wildlife concerns are addressed.

Sincerely,

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