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DATE: 5-2-2013

SUBJECT: Wild Life ORPHAN View Gravel Pit M-2013-016

TO: TIM CAZIER  
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Tim,

I RECEIVED THIS ADDITIONAL LETTER  
FOR COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE TODAY  
(MAY 2, 2013). IT IS NOT A DUPLICATE  
OF THE FIRST LETTER, BUT GENERALLY  
STATES THE THE SAME FACTS & CONCERNS.

PLEASE ADD THIS LETTER TO OUR  
APPLICATION FILE.

Sincerely,  
JOE GAGLIANO

P.S. IF YOU REQUIRE A HARD COPY PLEASE  
LET ME KNOW & I WILL GET ONE  
TO YOU.



## COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

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April 30, 2013

Joe Gagliano  
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Michael Trujillo, Area Wildlife Manager  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW)  
600 Pueblo Reservoir Road  
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Re: Regular 112 Operation Application Orphan View Gravel Pit, File No. M-2013-016

Dear Mr. Gagliano:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment regarding the application from Huerfano County Government for the proposed Orphan View gravel pit. The proposed gravel pit will consist of 40.0 acres and is located in the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  and in the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , of section 35, T 26 S, R 67 W, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Huerfano County, State of Colorado. This will be an addition of 40 acres currently under operation and permitted to Orphan View Gravel Pit.

After visiting the site it appears that the current use of this land is for grazing of livestock, and is composed mainly of short grass prairie. The HRIBAR PIT- M-2009-027 adjoins the property on the western boundary and is being operated by Walsenburg Sand and Gravel. Irrigated pastures and a riparian corridor from the Huerfano River are located to the north of the proposed Orphan View Gravel Pit.

Big game species that frequent the area include elk, mule and whitetail deer, black bears, mountain lions, and pronghorns. Pronghorns may use this area for migration corridors. Numerous small game animals are found in this area, which include but are not limited to, red fox, swift fox, coyotes, bobcat, cottontail rabbits, black-tailed prairie dogs, and scaled quail. Various songbirds, raptors, and reptiles are also present in the vicinity of the proposed Orphan View Gravel Pit.

After reviewing the maps and document for the proposed site CPW does not foresee significant impacts to wildlife or wildlife habitat. To our knowledge there are no known Threatened or Endangered species within or in close proximity to the project site. We would suggest that any ground disturbance be reclaimed to native grass species, and

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recommend using NRCS seeding guidelines. We also suggest using County Road 640 to I-25 as a route to haul materials to job sites. This should minimize air and noise pollution and prevent the displacement of wildlife from existing habitat and nest sites.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue. Please feel free to contact our office at 719-561-5300, if you have any questions regarding this application.

Sincerely,



Michael Trujillo  
Area Wildlife Manager  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife



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