

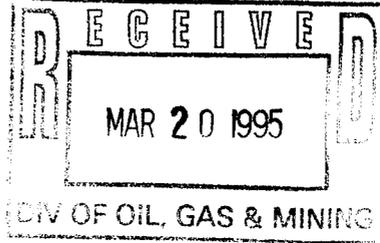
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Dear John:

The Division of Wildlife Resources has reviewed your request for an early clearance to drill a core hole in Willow Creek Canyon. The area is classified as high value deer and elk winter range and is subject to a November 1 to April 15 closure.

On March 14, Bill Bates, Habitat Manager, visited the site and found that some mule deer are still in the area near proposed site 1. However, with early green-up, deer and elk should be moving up the hill side as grasses and forbs begin to grow.

If current weather patterns hold and no major snowstorms hit the area, we anticipate drilling activities could be allowed by April 1 at site 1. Drilling activities could be allowed at proposed site 2 now, since it is along the highway and disturbance at this location would not impact wintering deer.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project. If you have questions, contact Bill Bates at this office.

Sincerely,

Miles Moretti
Regional Supervisor

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