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RE: Canyon Fuel Coal Exploration, Dugout Canyon area

Dear Joe,

The Division of Wildlife Resources has reviewed the Canyon Fuel Co. Notice of Intention to Conduct Minor Coal Exploration in the Dugout Canyon Area and have the following comments:

Our primary concerns with this project would be permanent disturbance to the habitat, as well as disturbance to big game during the winter season (December 1 - April 15), and disturbance to nesting raptors (February - July 15). It is our understanding, however, that no surface facilities will remain on site after these operations are completed, and that disturbed area will be reclaimed according to the reclamation plan on pp. 15-16. Further, we understand that these operations would not occur from December 1st through July 15th. We appreciate these measures. So long as these mitigation measure are followed, we do not foresee conflicts with this project. }*

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this project. For questions regarding these comments, contact Chris Colt (Habitat Biologist) at (435)636-0279.

Sincerely,

Miles Moretti
Regional Supervisor

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