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Alita,

This email is a follow-up to our phone conversation today, June 8, 2011, discussing the elk winter concentration area BMP request for the Dawson Creek 1-25 well pad. To be clear, the CDOW will not be requesting a winter timing restriction for the period between December 1 through April 15. Winter concentrations of elk are not using the habitat where the well pad is located and thus the timing restriction is not justifiable.

The reclamation BMPs are still valid however.

- Establish company guidelines to minimize wildlife mortality from vehicle collisions on roads.
- Prior to development, establish baseline vegetation condition and inventory and to provide a basis for post-development habitat restoration.
- Gate single-purpose roads and restrict general public access to reduce traffic disruptions to wildlife.
- Close and immediately reclaim all roads that are redundant, not used regularly, or have been abandoned to the maximum extent possible to minimize disturbance and habitat fragmentation.
- Avoid aggressive non-native grasses and shrubs in mule deer and elk habitat restoration.
- Reclaim mule deer and elk habitats with native shrubs, grasses, and forbs appropriate to the ecological site disturbed.
- Restore appropriate sagebrush species or subspecies on disturbed sagebrush sites. Use locally collected seed for reseeded where possible.

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