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Jeff,

Thank you for the update and heads up regarding the casings repair schedule. CPW has reviewed the location and proposed best management practices and finds them sufficient to minimize impacts from the proposed work on wintering wildlife. There are no other recommended BMPs at this time. Please let me know if you have any questions, or if we can provide any more detailed information.

Take care,

On Mon, Nov 7, 2022 at 11:59 AM Jeff Kirtland <[JKirtland@terraep.com](mailto:JKirtland@terraep.com)> wrote:

Good afternoon, Taylor,

As we have discussed in the past few weeks, TEP is required to consult with CPW under COGCC Rule 312 for subsequent operations, which included well repair operations.

The next well on our repair list is the RWF 22-26 (API# 04-045-76920) which is located on the RWF 22-26 pad in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 26, Township 6S, Range 94W. The RWF 22-26 pad is located in Elk Sever Winter Range and Elk Winter Concentration Area. Based on the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Recommendation to Avoid and Minimize Impacts to Wildlife from Land Use Development in Colorado document, CPW recommends a timing limitation beginning December 1 to April 30 for Elk Sever Winter Range and Elk Winter Concentration Area.

As a part of the Rule 312 process outlined by COGCC, we are required to attach any agreed upon BMPs that are necessary, and correspondence between CPW and the operator documenting consultation. Based on our ongoing conversations regarding well repairs in the Piceance, TEP is planning to repair the well upon approval by COGCC, which may not occur prior to the Timing Limitation. In order to ensure proper well operations, TEP has proposed the following Best Management Practices for implementation during planned activities, which may occur during the winter timing limitation, to minimize potential impacts to elk habitat. However, if additional BMPs are necessary please let me know.

Best Management Practices:

1. Wildlife – Minimization: To minimize the potential for wildlife related traffic accidents, TEP has implemented speed restrictions for all lease roads and requires that

- all TEP employees and contractors adhere to these posted speed restrictions.
2. Wildlife – Minimization: TEP will make best efforts to minimize operations at these location during winter months by conducting operations, when possible, between 9:00am to 4:00pm when wildlife activity minimal.

Thank you,

**Jeff Kirtland**

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