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### RE: Snowmass Mountain 2018 Proposed Projects - CPW Scoping Comments

Dear Monte,

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has reviewed the notice of proposed action for Aspen Skiing Company's 2018 projects at Snowmass Mountain. CPW values its working relationship with the White River National Forest and the opportunity to provide feedback on projects such as this.

The proposed project area is entirely within the current operational boundary of the ski area. Additionally, there are minimal needs for vegetation clearing or new grading associated with the proposed action. For these reasons, CPW does not anticipate any significant adverse impacts to wildlife. The following recommendations will be useful in minimizing wildlife impacts to the maximum extent possible:

- Effectively reclaim and reseed disturbed areas occurring from water-line installations.
- Implement a noxious weed monitoring and control program for all disturbed locations.
- Prohibit construction activities around the Elk Camp area (informational kiosk and storage sheds) between May 15 and June 30 to protect nearby elk calving areas. This recommendation is consistent with previous CPW comments regarding construction in the Elk Camp area.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife appreciates the opportunity to review and submit comments for this project. If there are any questions or needs for additional information, don't hesitate to contact Land Use Specialist, Taylor Elm, at (970) 947-2971 or District Wildlife Manager, Kurtis Tesch, at (970) 948-1662.

Sincerely,

Perry Will, Area Wildlife Manager

Cc. Kurtis Tesch, Taylor Elm, File

