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Comments: Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed re-development and expansion of two previously used gravel pits which are located on National Forest system Road 600 in the southern Flat Top Mountains (July-November 2024). The gravel pits are proposed to be expanded from six acres to approximately ten acres of an already disturbed area. The Southern Flat Top Mountains are very heavily recreated during summer and fall months with Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) users, dispersed camping and is a popular area for hunters during the hunting seasons. Given the amount of recreation occurring July through November CPW does not anticipate a significant impact to wildlife. However, CPW does recommend placing signage that notifies recreation groups to be notified of the increased road activity and varied road conditions. CPW appreciates your concerns regarding impact on wildlife and values the opportunity to review and provide comments. If there are any questions or need for additional information please don't hesitate to contact District Wildlife Manager (DWM) Sami Canetti 970-456-7003

Sincerely,

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