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Comments: Potential impacts to sage grouse in the vicinity of the drill pads, along the access routes, and at whatever distance from the project activities the birds could be affected should be carefully evaluated and, if needed, adequately mitigated. Sage grouse are only mentioned twice in the exploration plan, but need thorough attention in any environmental review.

Potential impacts of obtaining water for operations also needs more thorough review than the vague language in the exploration plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.