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Dear Operator:

This letter is being sent out to inform you of the new requirements the Pinedale Field Office requires for wildlife exception requests for construction and/or drilling operations for Applications for Permit to Drill, sundries and rights-of-way.

We will **require** the use of the enclosed form for each request with a map of the project area. **Only** the form and the map will be accepted for an exception request. Attach any applicable wildlife surveys that have been completed.

All items must be completed on the form. **Two original** copies must be submitted.

All exception requests must be **received** no more than three weeks, no less than two weeks prior to construction and/or drilling time-frames. **NO verbal, faxed or e-mail exceptions will be accepted.**

If an emergency occurs and the operator requires immediate attention, please contact the Assistance Field Manager for Resources, John Huston at 307-367-5385. He will get in touch with the appropriate wildlife biologist to complete the request in an expedited manner.

Only the operator of the well or the holder of the right-of-way grant may request wildlife exceptions. Requests from 3rd party contractors will be rejected.

All exceptions must be **mailed or hand delivered** to:

Pinedale Field Office

Bureau of Land Management

ATTN: Wildlife Exceptions

P.O. Box 768

1625 West Pine Street (use **only with** FedEx or UPS)

Pinedale, WY 82941

Please do not address the exception to a specific person, this will only hold up your request. Address to Wildlife Exceptions.

We are working very diligently to expedite all exception requests. Standardizing the requests will assist us in this matter, thus the reason for the enclosed form. The form can be located at the following web site: http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/field_offices/Pinedale/wildlife.html.

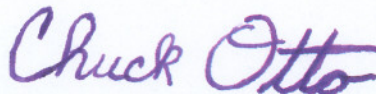
Wildlife exceptions are required for surface disturbing activities or any other BLM authorized activity that is not considered casual use. The definition of surface disturbance is as follows: "An action that alters the vegetation, surface/near surface soil resources, and/or surface geologic features, beyond natural site conditions and on a scale that affects other Public Land values. Examples of surface disturbing activities may include: operation of heavy equipment to construct well pads, roads, pits and vegetation treatments (e.g., prescribed fire, etc.). Surface disturbing activities may be either authorized or prohibited."

Contractors (ie, archeologists, surveyors) can complete work that is considered casual use (ie. humans walking to survey an area, vehicles using BLM designated roads). An exception may need to be issued if surface disturbing activities are required in a seasonally restricted area. Winter closure areas have been published in the Federal Register. Please use this information to determine whether your project will require an exception. The notice and maps are available upon request or at web site: http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/field_offices/Pinedale/wildlife.html.

If you need to discuss any of these requirements about exceptions, please contact this office at 307-367-5300.

By supplying us with this information, we will be able to better serve your needs. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,



Field Manager

Enclosure