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Pinedale Field Office  
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Pinedale, Wyoming 82941-0768



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Dear Operator:

This letter is to inform you of the Pinedale Field Office requirements for wildlife exception requests for construction and/or drilling operations for Applications for Permit to Drill, Sundry Notices and Rights-of-Way.

We will require the use of the Pinedale Wildlife Exception Request 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 and no less than two weeks before construction and/or drilling time-frames. No verbal, faxed or e-mail exception requests will be accepted.

If an emergency occurs and the operator requires immediate attention, please contact the Assistant Field Manager for Resources, Kyle Hansen 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 third party contractors will be rejected.

All exceptions must be mailed or hand delivered to:

Bureau of Land Management  
Pinedale Field Office  
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 request to a specific person, this will only hold up your request. Address requests to Wildlife Exceptions.

We work diligently to expedite all exception requests. Standardizing the requests assists us in this matter. The Pinedale Wildlife Exception Request form can be located at the following web site: [http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/field\\_offices/Pinedale/wildlife.html](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.)".

Contractors (i.e., archeologists, surveyors) can complete work that is considered casual use (i.e. humans walking to survey an area, vehicles using BLM designated roads). An exception is required if surface disturbing activities are proposed in a seasonally restricted area. Winter closure areas have been published in the Federal Register and Conditions of Approval detailing other restrictions are attached to project authorizations. Please use this information to determine whether your project will require an exception. The winter closure notice and maps are available upon request or at web site: [http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/field\\_offices/Pinedale/wildlife.html](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,



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*SD*  
Shane DeForest  
Field Manager

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