CPW’s Role in Oil & Gas Permitting

Staff Involvement, Procedures for Consultation, and Tools Used to Avoid, Minimize, & Mitigate

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CPW Mission and Oil & Gas in CO

“To perpetuate the wildlife resources of the state, to provide a quality state parks system, and to provide enjoyable and sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities that educate and inspire current and future generations to serve as active stewards of Colorado’s natural resources.”

SB 19-181 ensures that oil and gas development and operations in Colorado are regulated in a manner that protects public health, safety, welfare, the environment and wildlife resources.
CPW’s Regional Energy Liaison (REL) & Land Use Coordinator (LUC) Team

NW Region:
REL – Taylor Elm
LUC – Dani Neumann
LUC – Molly West

SW Region:
REL – Brian Magee
LUC – Peter Foote

NE Region:
REL – Brandon Marette

SE Region:
REL – Karen Voltura
LUC – TBD
CPW Consultation “Triggers”

- High Priority Habitats (HPH)
- State Wildlife Areas & State Parks
- Threatened & Endangered Species
- Conservation Easements
- Special Requests by CPW or by the COGCC Director

* Consultation requirements in COGCC’s 300 Series
How does CPW avoid, minimize, & mitigate?

- No surface occupancy (NSO) habitats
- Alternative Location Analysis within HPH

- Best Management Practices
- Reducing Density of O&G Facilities

- Compensatory Mitigation (direct & indirect)
- In-Lieu-Fees or Operator Completed Projects
Local Government Collaboration

- Pre-application consultation discussions
- CPW consistency with 1041 permitting
- CPW available resources including HPH table and wildlife habitat spatial data