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John W. Hickenlooper
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Will Tully
Bureau of Reclamation
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RE: Windy Gap Firing Project, Fish & Wildlife Mitigation Plan

Dear Mr Tully:

Enclosed is the fish and wildlife mitigation plan for the Windy Gap Firing Project, which constitutes the official State of Colorado position with regard to mitigation of impacts from this project to these resources.

Under Colorado law, any applicant for any water diversion, delivery, or storage facility in Colorado which requires an application for a permit, license, or other approval from the United States must inform the Colorado Water Conservation Board, Wildlife Commission, and Division of Wildlife of its application and submit a fish and wildlife mitigation proposal. Once there is agreement on reasonable mitigation actions between the Colorado Water Conservation Board and the Colorado Wildlife Commission, that agreement becomes the official state position on mitigation of impacts to fish and wildlife resources. This official state position must then be communicated to each federal, state, or other governmental agency from which the project applicant must obtain a permit, license, or other approval.

This letter is to inform you that this process has been completed for the Windy Gap Firing Project, and the State of Colorado has adopted the enclosed fish and wildlife mitigation plan pursuant to 37-60-122.2 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. I believe that this mitigation plan comprehensively addresses impacts to Colorado's fish and wildlife resources, and I urge its consideration in the Federal permitting process.

Sincerely,

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

Enclosures:

Windy Gap Firing Project Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plan
Windy Gap Firing Project Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Plan