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SUBJECT: Gunnison Sage-grouse Habitat Site Specific Analysis
Pre-application Conference

Location: 2375 County Road 10
Parcel #369919000002

Applicant/Proponent: Tina McGuinness
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The owner is proposing to subdivide the original 3.82± acre parcel into three lots, two 1± acre lots and one 1.82± acre lot with existing development. A single family residence is proposed on one of the 1± acre lots.

The proposed activity is not within 0.6 miles of a Gunnison Sage-grouse lek.

This parcel is not within Gunnison Sage-grouse Tier 1 habitat (score ≥ 15) as mapped using the 2012 Habitat Prioritization tool (Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee 2012). The overall habitat score on this parcel is a low of -19 to a high of 2. The parcel is located along County Road 10 and has existing development on the parcel and adjacent to the parcel.

Based upon this analysis, a review of the data available, and the nature of the proposed activity, I find that the proposed activity will not adversely impact Gunnison Sage-grouse or their habitats beyond that which has already occurred.

SCANNED

Because there are Gunnison sage-grouse in the general area, I recommend that the following requirements/conservation actions be applied as conditions of all Gunnison County permits issued for projects on this parcel to protect Gunnison sage-grouse and their habitats:

1) Per Section 11-106 G.3.d.1. of the *Gunnison County Land Use Resolution,* dogs and cats should be kept under appropriate control, by means which may include kenneling or other physically secure methods to ensure that negative effects to wildlife from pets do not occur. This includes construction workers' pets.

2) A Gunnison County Reclamation Permit is not recommended for activities on this parcel unless the surface disturbance is 10,000 sqft or more. If a Reclamation Permit is not required, all disturbed areas should be reseeded with an appropriate seed mix. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and/or the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are available to help identify an appropriate seed mix.

3) Property owners/lessees must control or attempt to eradicate any noxious weeds that occur on the property. A list of noxious weeds may be found in the Colorado Noxious Weed list: http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1174084048733&pagename=Agriculture-Main/CDAGLayout The Gunnison County Weed Management Program should be contacted (970-641-4393) for additional information and technical assistance.

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