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Memo

Date: 11/10/10

To: Shane DeForest, Pinedale Field Manager

From: Adaptive Management Review Team (Mark Thonhoff, Josh Hemenway, Theresa Gulbrandson, Therese Hartman, and Kellie Roadifer)

Subject: Mule deer matrix threshold changes

The adaptive management team has reviewed the proposed mule deer matrix mitigation threshold changes for determination of whether the proposal has merit, whether the proposed changes are time sensitive thus requiring the convening of a special planning meeting, and whether or not the proposed changes are in conformance with current NEPA. The adaptive management review team concurs with BLM and WYGFD response to the UW COOP review, that the mule deer "avoidance distance" criteria be removed from the Wildlife Monitoring and Mitigation Matrix as shown below. In addition, the review team feels the proposed changes are in accordance with the objectives of the Anticline SEIS ROD, 2008, specifically Appendix E; and with the analysis contained in the Anticline FSIES. The team has determined this change will require immediate attention in order to allow for appropriate modifications to applicable monitoring contracts.

The proposed mule deer matrix threshold changes are as follows:

Criteria: "Avoidance Distance"

Proposed action: Withdraw this criteria and delete this cell from the Matrix

Changes that Will Be Monitored: "Average of any 2-year avoidance distance from well pads and roads, and a concurrent change in deer numbers compared to average of 05/06 numbers (2856 deer)"

Propose Action: Withdraw this criteria and delete this cell from the Matrix



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Specific Change Requiring Mitigation: "Average of 0.5 Km change per year over 2 years, and a concurrent 15% decline in deer numbers in any year, compared to reference area (Sublette mule deer herd unit [average 05/06 herd unit population is 27,254], or other mutually agreeable area."

Proposed Action: Withdraw this criteria and delete this cell from the Matrix

Mitigation Responses: "Select mitigation response sequentially as listed below, implement most useful and feasible and monitor results over sufficiently adequate time for the level of impact described by current monitoring'

Proposed Action: Withdraw this criteria and delete this cell from the Matrix