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Subject: **Right-of-Entry Permit #7676**
RDCC Project No. 87099

Dear Mr. Torgerson:

The Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office received the following comments from the Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) regarding the Right-of-Entry permit application to conduct preliminary environmental and site suitability studies on Trust Lands in Emery County.

Division of Wildlife Resources

The proposed industrial development project is within crucial year-long pronghorn habitat. To minimize disturbance during vulnerable times of the year, such as fawning, we recommend avoiding construction from April 15 to June 15.

The following species could also occur within the project area and should be considered during the environmental assessment and planning phases: white-tailed prairie dog, burrowing owl, and kit fox. The [Utah Wildlife Action Plan](#) guides the conservation of these species. DWR recommends coordinating with DWR during the development planning phases to avoid unnecessary impacts on wildlife.

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Additionally, ferruginous hawks and red-tailed hawks have been known to nest in pinyon juniper stands in this area. If pre-construction surveys find an occupied nest, construction should be avoided from March 1 to August 1 within 0.5 miles of the nest.

DWR appreciates the opportunity to review the project. If you have wildlife resource questions, please contact Colton Taylor, Impact Analysis Biologist in our Southeast Region, at cdtaylor@utah.gov or 435-820-6015.

Please call to discuss any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Johnson', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Redge B. Johnson
Director