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Subject: Fw: Christensen Ranch/Irigaray draft EA

Jean -- Please let either me or Chris Durham know if any of his comments below need further explanation. Thank you again for allowing us this extra time to provide comments on the draft EA -- it's a crazy time of year for us, and we very much appreciate your bending over backwards to allow us time to review the information and provide input. BTW -- will you be the contact person for most (or all) uranium projects in our neck of the woods?

Thanks!

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Re: Jean Trefethen @ NRCLink

Howdy!

A quick review of the 2008 wildlife comments and the current EA indicates that two comments (#003 & 005) may not have been sufficiently addressed. I found no mention of the bald eagle nest adjacent to the Irigary Road, nor did the document indicate the potential disruption to sage-grouse breeding and nesting activity from noise.

Of greater concern is the disconnect between resources identified in the Affected Environment section of the document, and impacts disclosed in Chapter 4. The Chapter 4 wildlife discussion appears to have affected environment and impacts combined into one section. There does not appear to be a cumulative

impacts description for wildlife resources impacted

Though we have failed to be timely in our review of this particular project, perhaps a review of the format of our oil & gas EAs might be helpful in establishing a format for future actions. The most recent EA can be found at:

http://www.blm.gov/style/medialib/blm/wy/information/NEPA/bfodocs/pods/yates.Par.12344.File.dat/Con garee_EA.pdf

Thanks!

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Paul -- I called Jean Trefethen @ NRC (301-415-5137) & left a message letting her know that we will be providing comments re. their draft EA for the Christensen Ranch/Irigaray uranium ISR project restart, but that it might be tomorrow morning before we can get those to her (just in case that deadline extension she gave us was extremely hard) -- She called me back & let me know that she's working @ home tomorrow, so if you'd like to speak w/ her via phone, then to please e-mail her first so you can set up a good time to do so between the 2 of you. Her e-mail is: jean.trefethen@nrc.gov.

I did pass along to her Clint's comments that all his concerns re. Cultural had been addressed in this draft, but that there might be some Wildlife comments you'd like to speak to her about.

Thanks.

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