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Gunnison Basin Sage-Grouse Strategic Committee
Attention - Chairman Ken Stahlnecker
200 E. Virginia Avenue
Gunnison, CO 81230

Re: Rangewide Conservation Plan Predation Objective Inquiry

Dear Chairman Stahlnecker,

Thank you for your letter regarding a request to convene a Gunnison Sage-grouse Steering Committee meeting. Your letter requests a meeting of the steering committee to "specifically discuss and, if agreed upon, initiate review, with possible revision of the Predation Objective #1, page 243, Gunnison Sage-grouse Rangewide Conservation Plan (CPW 2005)". As requested, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) will convene the Gunnison Sage-grouse Steering Committee to address the concern of the Gunnison Basin Strategic Committee.

As you know, predator control is a very sensitive issue. In the Rangewide Conservation Plan, criteria were developed through a public process. If the steering committee agrees to revise the current Predation Objective, in order to maintain an atmosphere of cooperation and participation, any revisions would likely also have to go through a public process.

Many members of the original steering committee are no longer available. In order to convene a meeting, CPW will need to obtain new commitments from the agencies originally represented. We have already begun the process of up-dating members and hope to reconvene a meeting in mid- to late-January. CPW appreciates your continued interest in conservation actions that benefit Gunnison sage-grouse.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Griffin

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Gunnison Sage-Grouse Steering Committee, Chair

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