



Re: Black Hills - Cheyenne Prairie Generating Station - Colorado Butterfly Survey at Porter Draw

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Hi, Chris,

In light of Tim's email and report, the Service agrees that it is unlikely for Colorado butterfly plant to occur within the project area. I have previously concluded section 7 consultation in a letter from my office dated July 6, 2012 and a follow up email on July 17, in which the Service concurred that the proposed project may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect Colorado butterfly plant. Will the EPA submit anything to my office regarding the results of this survey effort?

Thanks!

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We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect. ~Aldo Leopold, A Sand County Almanac

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Subject Black Hills - Cheyenne Prairie Generating Station - Colorado Butterfly Survey
at Porter Draw

Good afternoon,

Attached, please find Black Hill's Colorado Butterfly survey conducted on Porter Draw where our gas-line will cross. Black Hills agreed to conduct a survey for the Colorado Butterfly plant species in the area where our gas-line would cross Porter Draw and the survey would be conducted when it was anticipated that the plant species would be in bloom. On August 3, 2012, West, Inc. conducted the survey and their conclusions were as follows. There was no observation of the Colorado Butterfly plant at the location evaluated and the area where the gas-line will cross Porter Draw is not suitable for Colorado Butterfly habitat.

This concludes our evaluation of the Colorado Butterfly plant with this project. Black Hills seeks concurrence from EPA and the USFWS that the assessment is completed and the Colorado Butterfly is not an issue at this location.

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