

APPENDIX 5.6-B

Correspondence from SDGF&P on Crucial Big Game Habitat

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Powertech (USA), Inc.
Attn. Richard Blubaugh
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Subject: Dewey-Burdock crucial big game habitats and migration corridors

Dear Richard,

By this letter South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) declares no designated crucial big game habitats or migration corridors on the Dewey Burdock Project Area or in the one mile buffer.

The Dewey Burdock project and surrounding area does contribute habitat for a variety of big game including deer, antelope, turkeys, elk and only recently a herd of big horn sheep. Your permitting surveys conducted for baseline studies provided a realistic assessment of big game use on the project and surrounding buffer area. However, resulting from the recent occurrence of big horn sheep on and surrounding the project area we now consider management strategies that include this herd.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any of the numbers listed below if you desire more information regarding wildlife interactions with the Dewey Burdock project

Sincerely,

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