

WETLANDS IN COLORADO

Background and Identification of Interaction with Wind Development

Wetlands are places where water exists near or above the soil surface for significant periods of time. They provide important habitat values for many wildlife and plant species. Their functions can be disturbed by a range of human activities.

Best Management Practices

The Federal Advisory Committee Draft Recommendations for wind energy development discuss wetlands potentially impacted by wind energy development: “Minimize impacts to wetlands and water resources by following all applicable provisions of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1251-1387) and the Rivers and Harbors Act (33 USC 301 et seq.); for instance, by developing and implementing a storm water management plan and taking measures to reduce erosion.” (Chapter 3, page 45; Draft Recommendations 3/2010)¹

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