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WER 14333.00 BKS Environmental Associates, Inc Black Hills Bentonite's Proposed Keyhole State Lease Project – Wildlife Baseline Survey Crook County

Nichole Rubeck BKS Environmental Associates, Inc PO Box 3467 Gillette, WY 82717 nrubeck@bksenvironmental.com

Dear Ms. Rubeck,

The staff of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (Department) has reviewed the Black Hills Bentonite's Proposed Keyhole State Lease Project – Wildlife Baseline Survey located in Crook County. We offer the following comments for your consideration.

The proposed wildlife baseline survey plan has addressed the Department's terrestrial wildlife and aquatic concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Karen Rogers, Habitat Protection Analyst, at 307-777-5003.

Sincerely,

Amanda Withroder

Habitat Protection Supervisor

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