Department of Natural Resources

Division of Wildlife Resource Management Interoffice Memorandum

To: Matthew Zabka, Southern Ute SECMG

From: Steve Whiteman, Southern Ute Wildlife Division Head

Subject: Biological Assessment Concurrence

Date: February 9, 2022

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The following biological assessment, prepared by Southern Ute SECMG, has recently been received and reviewed by the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management:

Red Cedar Gathering Company / Simpson Carbon Capture Facility

In reviewing this biological assessment, I have found it to be complete and accurate, and concur with the determinations of "no effect" for all nine ESA-protected species identified for the Reservation. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me directly at 970-563-0130.

Steve Whiteman, Division Head

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