



**APPLICATION PART 1**  
**PERMIT TO CAPTURE, TRANSPORT, HOLD and RELOCATE PRAIRIE DOGS**  
**Re: Wild to Wild Relocation**

*This application includes: Part 1-Application form; Part 2-Site Description; Part 3- Management Plan; and Part 4-Letters.  
 Permit Special Conditions, which require signatures, are attached.*

**PROJECT PROPONENT/PRIMARY PERMITTEE:**

Organization/agency if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact (name/title): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #'s: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**RELOCATION CONTRACTOR:**

Organization/agency if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact (name/title): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #'s: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of other individuals assisting: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date(s) for which permit is requested:**

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Capture Site(s) and Estimated Number of Prairie Dogs to be Captured:**

Name and description of specific site(s)\* where capture will take place: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of prairie dogs to be captured: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Please use back of this sheet to list any additional capture sites for this application.

This site is owned by \_\_\_\_\_ and managed by (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

I am the landowner or the designated official agent of the landowner. I have the authority to grant approval for the project proponent, permittee(s), contractor(s) and others under their direction, to enter this property for the purpose of capture and removal of prairie dogs. I hereby grant this permission.

Signature of capture site landowner or landowner's official agent \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed holding:**

Please check any of the following that apply:

Prairie dogs will be moved from the capture site:  livePrairie dogs will be:  delivered the same day  held for 3-day interim holding or  held for extended period of # of days: \_\_\_\_\_

If holding, list physical address where any prairie dogs will be held in captivity. Be prepared to allow inspection of these facilities.

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Prairie dogs will be quarantined for 14-21 days:  Yes  No If yes, list facility: \_\_\_\_\_If transporting out-of-state: import document attached?  Yes  No Export documents requested?  Yes  No**Proposed Release Site:**Release Site Management Plan attached is: (check one)  New  Existing

Name and description of specific release site to which the attached site description and management plan refer: \_\_\_\_\_

This site is owned by \_\_\_\_\_ and managed by (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

I am the landowner or the designated official agent of the landowner. I have the authority to grant approval for the project proponent, permittee(s), contractor(s) and others under their direction, to enter this property for the purpose of releasing prairie dogs, and hereby grant this permission.

Signature of release site landowner or landowner's official agent \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional proposed capture site(s) and estimated number of prairie dogs to be captured:**

Name and description of specific site(s)\* where capture will take place:

A1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ # of prairie dogs to be captured: \_\_\_\_\_

This site is owned by \_\_\_\_\_ and managed by (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

I am the landowner or the designated official agent of the landowner. I have the authority to grant approval for the project proponent, permittee(s), contractor(s) and others under their direction, to enter this property for the purpose of capture and removal of prairie dogs. I hereby grant this permission.

Signature of capture site landowner or landowner's official agent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

A2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ # of prairie dogs to be captured: \_\_\_\_\_

This site is owned by \_\_\_\_\_ and managed by (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

I am the landowner or the designated official agent of the landowner. I have the authority to grant approval for the project proponent, permittee(s), contractor(s) and others under their direction, to enter this property for the purpose of capture and removal of prairie dogs. I hereby grant this permission.

Signature of capture site landowner or landowner's official agent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Permit Application Signatures:**

In order to process this application, the Colorado Division of Wildlife requires the following. *Please check to indicate compliance.*

- \_\_\_ 1. The application is signed by the capture site landowner/ agent; and by the release site landowner/ agent; and
- \_\_\_ 2. the District Wildlife Managers for both the capture site and the release site have been notified and consulted; and
- \_\_\_ 3. the project proponent / primary permittee and contractor (if appropriate) have read and signed the Permit Special Conditions document; and two copies of this Special Conditions document are attached, so that one can be returned with the permit; and
- \_\_\_ 4. the site description (application part 2) and management plan (application part 3) have been completed and are attached; and
- \_\_\_ 5. a copy of a USFDA letter of non-objection and any other required letters of pre-approval are attached; and
- \_\_\_ 6. any letters from neighboring landowners etc. as requested by CDOW are attached; and
- \_\_\_ 7. the applicant has notified the "receiving site" Board of County Commissioners of this potential relocation; and
- \_\_\_ 8. the following statement has been read and compliance is indicated by signing and dating below.

I certify that I have and will comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, guidelines and protocols regarding prairie dogs and the herein requested activity. I have read and will comply with all terms in the Special Conditions of the permit to be issued.

Project Proponent/ Permittee \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Relocation Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\$40.00 permit fee attached:  Yes  No  Not Applicable Checks can be made payable to: Colorado Division of Wildlife

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

DWM/AWM:  MODIFY Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 APPROVE  DENY Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

TWB/STWB:  MODIFY Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 APPROVE  DENY Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**DECISION:**  APPROVE for # PRAIRIE DOGS \_\_\_\_\_  DENIED

Permit can become effective: \_\_\_\_\_ and should expire no more than 120 days later.

Signature of Approving Authority \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION – PART 2 – SITE DESCRIPTION

Provide a complete description of the proposed release site by answering the following questions. (If this site is managed by a federal, state or local natural resource agency, please submit the appropriate portion of the management plan for the site, and provide answers to any of the following not addressed in the agency plan).

### A. Regarding Habitat Suitability:

1. Site Capacity:

- a) How large is the property? \_\_\_\_\_
- b) What is the shape/configuration of the property? (Attach map if requested). \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Site Vegetation:

- a) Would you describe the site as short-grass prairie? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Further describe the general vegetation type: (List species if known or describe, note if they are native or primarily introduced (weeds): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c) What percentage of the site is covered with vegetation? \_\_\_\_\_ %

3. Is the vegetation type generally more than 2" tall, but less than 12"? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If vegetation type is higher, can it be mowed? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

4. Does the site show signs of degradation or disturbance, for example, has it been overgrazed?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Soil type: Is soil type less than 70% sand? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

6. Topography:

- a) Is the general slope of the site less than 20% grade? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Describe general topography: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Are there any natural barriers that may limit the distribution of prairie dogs such as steep slopes, wetlands, creeks/ditches, tall vegetation, roads?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B. Presence of Prairie Dogs:**

1. What is the history of prairie dog use on this property? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Is the property currently inhabited by prairie dogs? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) If no, but there is evidence of previous occupation: When was the most recent plague outbreak, if known? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) If yes:  
What species: \_\_\_\_\_  
What percentage of the site is covered by burrows? \_\_\_\_\_ %  
What percentage of these burrows are occupied? Approx. \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Where are the currently occupied burrows relative to the entire burrowed area?  
(Attach a drawing if necessary). \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Population appears to be (*check one*)    stable: \_\_\_ increasing: \_\_\_ decreasing: \_\_\_
  
3. How far away is the nearest prairie dog town of the same species? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
4. What is your assessment of the opportunity for prairie dogs to move between towns? (e.g., are there major obstacles between your proposed site and other towns?) : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**C. Presence of Wildlife Species Associated with Prairie Dogs:**

1. Are any wildlife species known to be closely associated with prairie dogs present on the site? (Close associations may include, but are not limited to: burrowing owls, golden eagles, ferruginous hawks, mt. plover, pronghorn, kit fox, rabbits, snakes, etc.).  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
2. What other wildlife species are recorded or likely to occur on the property? (Please attach list if appropriate/available; list is attached: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_). \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

**D. Land Use:**

1. What, if any, legal stipulations or management plans guide the uses of this property?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
2. What is the current use of the site? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What uses are planned or anticipated for the future? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. What are land uses of adjacent properties? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**E. Relocation project potential benefits:**

Please describe what the potential benefits of this project may be. These benefits may relate to ecological, social, economic, recreation/education, or other values. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**F. Relocation project considerations and potential impacts:**

Please describe any potential undesired impacts this relocation project may have. Potential conflicts/impacts may relate to ecological, social, economic, human health, historic/archeological, land-use and/or other values. *You are encouraged to contact potentially affected parties, and may use the attached letter templates to assist you in requesting and identifying concerns and mitigation strategies. In some cases, the CDOW District Wildlife Manager may require contact with specific organizations, or individuals for comments and suggestions. In all cases the receiving site BOCC should be notified. See "Sample Letters – Part 4."*

1. At a minimum, please answer the following:

a) Is it likely that the relocation will result in conflict with adjacent land uses?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b). Have neighboring landowners been notified, and expressed their support or concerns?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

(Attach copies of "referral letters" expressing support or concerns, if available; list them in Application – Part 3 - Management Plan - Part "E").

Please summarize their support or concerns: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c). What is your assessment of community support for this relocation project?

(Check one) High: \_\_\_ Medium: \_\_\_ Low: \_\_\_

Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Other potential impacts and/or considerations: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION -- PART 3 -- MANAGEMENT PLAN

Describe the plan for future management of prairie dogs and related habitat on the proposed release site by answering the following questions, or by attaching a previously approved site Management Plan.

**A. Site Preparation:**

Describe how the release site will be prepared or enhanced to optimize relocation success. (Processes may include, but not be limited to: mowing, vegetation enhancement, augering of burrows, placement of movement barriers etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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**B. Population Management:**

Estimate the carrying capacity of this site, and describe strategies for monitoring and managing prairie dog populations, including escape control where/when necessary.

Estimated carrying capacity: \_\_\_\_\_

Strategies: \_\_\_\_\_

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**C. Sustaining site capacity:**

Describe additional habitat, species, or recreation-use management that will enhance or sustain the capacity of this site to support the new prairie dog population as well as the desired species diversity found on the site prior to the relocation project.

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**D. Impacts and Mitigation:**

Identify plans for mitigating the potential impacts, conflicts or concerns identified in the "Site Description" section of this application, or any newly identified concerns.

1. Mitigation strategies for ecological, historic/archeological, or land-use considerations:

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2. Mitigation strategies for social considerations:

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**E. Summary regarding notification letters sent and comment letters received:**

1. Board of County Commissioners (required): Response attached: yes \_\_\_ no response \_\_\_

Your Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Local health department: Notified: yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ Response attached: yes \_\_\_ no response \_\_\_

Your Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Adjacent neighbors: Notified: yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ Response attached: yes \_\_\_ no response \_\_\_

Your Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Your Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. \_\_\_\_\_

Your Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**F. Is there any other pertinent information that should be considered?**

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**APPLICATION - PART 4 - SAMPLE LETTERS:**  
**Notification to local BOCC (Required)**

*-Use your letterhead -*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Contact), Chair  
*(insert county name)* County Board of Commissioners  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that we have submitted an application to the Colorado Division of Wildlife proposing to relocate prairie dogs from one site in \_\_\_\_\_ County to another.

The proposed permit would be issued to:  
Primary Permittee: \_\_\_\_\_, telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ and/or the  
Relocation Contractor (who would be coordinating the actual capture and relocation activity)  
\_\_\_\_\_, telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_.

We propose to remove prairie dogs from: \_\_\_\_\_ and to relocate them  
to: \_\_\_\_\_.

This receiving site is owned and/or managed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
who has agreed to accept the prairie dogs.

We propose moving them between the dates of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, however, these dates are tentative.

Prior to issuing a permit, we understand that Division of Wildlife personnel are conducting a review of the proposed project. As part of the application process, we have submitted a management plan for the receiving site. We have also solicited (or are currently soliciting) comments from interested parties which may include, but are not limited to the local health department, city planners, and adjacent landowners. *(State in particular from whom you are seeking input).*

The Division of Wildlife has asked that, while state law does not require approval by the Board of County Commissioners for relocation within the same county, we keep you informed of proposed activities. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this relocation project, please contact us and we will include your comments with the submission of our application.

*Your primary contact, phone and address:*

Respectfully yours,

*Your primary contact:*

**APPLICATION - PART 4 - SAMPLE LETTERS:**  
**Notification and Request for Referral Letters to Agencies/Organizations**

-Use your letterhead -

Date:  
Name of Contact  
Organization / Agency  
Address  
City, State, Zip

Dear

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that we have submitted an application to the Colorado Division of Wildlife proposing to relocate prairie dogs from or to a site in which you may have interest.

The proposed permit would be issued to:  
Primary Permittee: \_\_\_\_\_, telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ and/or the  
Relocation Contractor (who would be coordinating the actual capture and relocation activity)  
\_\_\_\_\_, telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_.

We propose to remove prairie dogs from: \_\_\_\_\_  
and to relocate them to: \_\_\_\_\_.

This receiving site is owned and/or managed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
who has agreed to accept the prairie dogs.

We propose moving them between the dates of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; however, these dates are tentative.

Prior to issuing a permit, we understand that Division of Wildlife personnel are conducting a review of the proposed project. As part of the application process, we must submit a management plan for the receiving site. We are also soliciting comments from interested parties which may include, but may not be limited to adjacent landowners, other agencies, and the local County Commission.

Because (*insert organization/agency you are contacting*) may have important information to be considered, we would appreciate your comments or support. If you have concerns, we would appreciate recommendations on how to resolve or mitigate them. The enclosed form provides a simple format for your feedback. Completing and returning this page to us is appreciated. We will include your returned form with our submitted application, and it will be used by the Division of Wildlife in the project review process. Should you have any questions, or want to discuss the project with us, please contact:

*insert your contact information*

Thank you for your assistance.  
Sincerely,

*Your name, title, and organization*

**Response to Referral Request Re: Prairie Dog Relocation  
Agency/Organization**

**This form provides information, concerns, mitigation ideas, and/or support regarding the Prairie Dog Relocation Permit application described in the attached letter, and will be forwarded to the Colorado Division of Wildlife for consideration.**

*Please complete the following information:*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of individual or organization requesting the Prairie Dog Relocation Permit (per attached letter): \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please check one of the following:*

- We support this prairie dog relocation proposal.
- We have no objections to this proposal.
- We have concerns about this prairie dog relocation proposal, and have listed them below, or in an attached letter, and have provided recommendations for mitigating these concerns.

Our concerns: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Our recommendations for mitigating or resolving these concerns are: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION - PART 4 - SAMPLE LETTERS:**  
**Notification and Request for Referral Letters to Adjacent Landowner(s)**  
**(Recommended)**

*-Use your letterhead -*

Date:

Name of Contact (Adjacent Landowner)

Address:

City, State, Zip

Dear

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that we have submitted an application to the Colorado Division of Wildlife proposing to relocate prairie dogs from or to a site near you, and in which you may have interest.

The proposed permit would be issued to:

Primary Permittee: \_\_\_\_\_, telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ and/or the  
Relocation Contractor (who would be coordinating the actual capture and relocation activity)

\_\_\_\_\_, telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

We propose to remove prairie dogs from: \_\_\_\_\_

and to relocate them to: \_\_\_\_\_

This receiving site is owned and/or managed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
who has agreed to accept the prairie dogs.

We propose moving them between the dates of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; however, these dates are tentative.

Prior to issuing a permit, we understand that Division of Wildlife personnel are conducting a review of the proposed project. As part of the application process, we must submit a management plan for the receiving site. We are also soliciting comments from interested parties which may include, but may not be limited to appropriate agencies, other landowners, and the local County Commission.

Because you may have important information to be considered, or may be potentially affected by this proposal, we would appreciate your comments or support. If you have concerns, we would appreciate recommendations on how to resolve or mitigate them. The enclosed form provides a simple format for your feedback. Completing and returning this page to us is appreciated. We will include your returned form with our submitted application, and it will be used by the Division of Wildlife in the project review process. Should you have any questions, or want to discuss the project with us, please contact:

insert your contact information

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

*Your name, title, and organization*

**Response to Referral Request Re: Prairie Dog Relocation  
Adjacent Landowners**

**This form provides information, concerns, mitigation ideas, and/or support regarding the Prairie Dog Relocation Permit application described in the attached letter, and will be forwarded to the Colorado Division of Wildlife for consideration.**

*Please complete the following information:*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of individual or organization requesting the Prairie Dog Relocation Permit (per attached letter):

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*Please check one of the following:*

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Our concerns: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Our recommendations for mitigating or resolving these concerns are: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_