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Dear Mr. Surovchak:

Based on the authority conferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the Service reviewed the November 23, 2009, Preble's Meadow Mitigation Monitoring Report for the Programmatic Biological Opinion at the Rocky Flats Site, 2009 Annual Report. The report was written to fulfill requirements of our biological opinion regarding the impacts of Site closure on habitat for the threatened Preble's meadow jumping mouse, *Zapus hudsonius preblei* (Preble's). You requested concurrence from us that monitoring at site DD, a fence project site; site GG, an electrical line project; and site M, the East Shooting Range project (ES/LK-6-CO-04-032) is complete.

Given that the mitigation has met the success criteria described in the biological opinion, and that you will continue to monitor and control weeds at the Rocky Flats Site, the Service agrees that monitoring at mitigation sites DD and GG is complete. However, we recommend at least one more year of monitoring at site M until the herbaceous vegetation cover has reached 80 percent and the noxious weed cover has decreased.

We appreciate your submitting this report to our office for review and comment. If the Service can be of further assistance, please contact Alison Deans Michael of my staff at (303) 236-4758.

Sincerely,

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Colorado Field Supervisor

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