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FROM: M. F. McHugh, Remediation Project Management, Bldg. 080, X8624 *MFM*
SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR A COURSE OF ACTION CONCERNING THE BALD EAGLES
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Attached is a letter to DOE recommending that they award a grant to The Colorado Bird Observatory to study the bald eagles at Standley Lake. The Colorado Bird Observatory has an excellent track record of designing and implementing volunteer programs to study bald eagles at Barr Lake State Park. They have an equally impressive working relationship with various governmental agencies -- local, state and federal. We have contacted the U.S. Federal Wildlife Service and the Colorado Division of Wildlife and they agree that the Colorado Bird Observatory is well suited to conduct these studies. Eagles will draw a great deal of attention to Rocky Flats Environmental Restoration activities.

There will be considerable demand for information about the eagles' nest as the spring progresses. An excellent way to generate this information would be for the Colorado Bird Observatory to institute a Bald Eagle Watch Program at Standley Lake modeled after their very successful effort at Barr Lake State Park. The funding level to support such an effort is modest. We estimate that a program could be organized with a grant of approximately \$25,000.

Extensive media coverage began February 10, 1993. The Rocky Mountain News began with a front page article. We believe that DOE should act quickly and demonstrate that a federal agency can be proactive and support environmental issues.

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Attachment:
As Stated

cc:
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