



MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: STANDLEY LAKE BALD EAGLE PAIR STATUS AS REGARDS OPERABLE UNIT 3
AIR SAMPLER OPERATION - MBM -112 - 95

On November 31, 1995, I briefed Grant Euler, Air Quality, on the need to monitor for the presence of the bald eagle pair at the Standley Lake nest site before approaching the Operable Unit 3 (OU3) 100th Avenue air sampler installation. Mr. Euler was instructed that if the eagles were present at the nest, or closer than 1/2 mile to any OU3 sampler installation, that it would be advisable to wait until they moved before approaching the sampler to perform work there. The locations most commonly used by the pair were described to Mr. Euler, as well as their general habitats and known activities, to help him plan sampler site visits. On December 1, 1995 I provided Mr. Euler with a set of binoculars to help him make observations from a non-intrusive distance before approaching the air sampler sites.

Mr. Euler reported that during his site visit on December 2, 1995, no bald eagles were present in the area. He also described how he observed the site from several decreasing distances before approaching the sampler. If he continues this observation routine, he will avoid the possibility of take under the Endangered Species Act during performance of his duties.

Operation of the sampler across 100th Avenue from the nest site does not appear to have affected the bald eagle pair's behavior at the nest. Although the sampler was operating when the eagles arrived in October, the Colorado Bird Observatory has not reported any undue effects of operation on the pair's behavior. Independent observers have reported several sightings of one eagle or the pair at the nest since their arrival, including an observation a few hours after Mr. Euler's December 2 visit. It appears that neither the sampler nor the major construction of the Woman Creek Reservoir has deterred the Standley Lake bald eagle pair from using the established nest site.

Should you have comments or require further information, please call me at extension 3560.

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