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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 20, 2008, Preble's Mouse Mitigation Monitoring Report for the Programmatic Biological Opinion at the Rocky Flats Site, 2008 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 FF, an access road to Walnut Creek near Indiana Street, and site P, the C-1 Pond dam breaching project, 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 FF and P is complete.

In addition, you requested our concurrence that the Preble's Mouse Mitigation Debit/Credit Spreadsheet can be credited for roads in Preble's habitat that have been abandoned and habitat has re-established. These roads occur throughout Rocky Flats, and account for approximately 0.86 acres. Given that they have been closed and that Preble's habitat has become re-established, we concur that 0.86 acres of credit can be applied to the Preble's Mouse Mitigation Debit/Credit Spreadsheet.

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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