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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 11, 1996 5400.1

TO: Larry Woods, Ecology, Bldg. T130C, X3378

FROM: Jody K. Nelson, Ecology, Bldg. T130B, X2231 *JKN 1/11/96*

SUBJECT: DELIVERY OF REVIEW/COMMENT RESOLUTION FORM RESPONDING TO THE COLORADO NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM FINAL REPORT - JKN -001-96

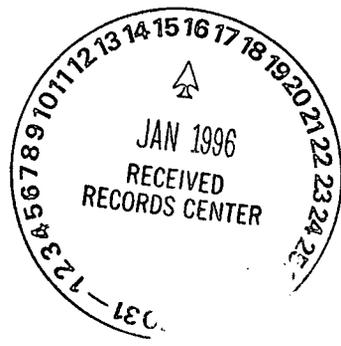
The enclosed attachment (2 pages) contains the responses and comments that I have concerning the Colorado Natural Heritage Program's Final Report on the natural resources at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site.

If you have any questions, please contact me at X2231.

JKN:jkn

Attachment
As Stated

cc:
C. S. Evans
J. D. Krause
ERPD Records (2)



ADMIN RECCRD

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**ROCKY FLATS ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM
REVIEW/COMMENT RESOLUTION FORM**

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 Reviewer Name(s): Jody K. Nelson Date: 1/10/96


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REVIEWER'S COMMENTS		RESPONSE
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1	8	The map is difficult to interpret because none of the lines are present deliniating the various conservation sites. I would like to see each of the sites deliniated.
2	28-32	These pages are missing from the report! They should be included or else the pages renumbered.
3	12	In the last paragraph on this page concerning the <u>Carex oreocharis</u> , I am concerned with the fact that it states the presence of this species was confirmed at the TR02 site. In a phone conversation I had with Kevin Essington on 11/10/95, I mentioned that although it was reported from this site during 1994 - from the spring sampling session, I could not confirm its presence there because more recent sampling of the site since that time has not found it. The possibility exists that it was simply misidentified. The species has been confirmed at the site based on herbarium specimens which were collected during the 1973-74 botanical inventory conducted by some graduate students of Dr. William Weber's at CU - Boulder. We have one herbarium sheet of these specimens in the Rocky Flats herbarium and two additional sheets may be found at the CU herbarium in Boulder. My concern is that because no specimens were taken for the identification of this species at TR02, to state that it was confirmed as being there is somewhat incorrect. It might be more correct to say that it is reported as occurring there. Until specimens have been collected and verified as this species, I would hesitate to confirm its presence there. I recently discovered another site (TR11) where according to the 1993 data (1994 EcMP annual report) the species is reported from. However, it has not been reported since then at that site either. This is also possibly a misidentification. Because no specimens of this species have been taken since the 1970's further study is needed to determine its extent at RFETS.

DISCUSSION

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4	33	The reference list at the end of the report is incomplete. A number of references cited in the text do not appear in the list. Some of those which are not present include: Kindscher, 1995; Fitzgerald et al., 1994; Nelson pers. comm., 1995; Knopf et al., 1988; and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1994. Those listed here are not all inclusive. I suggest a thorough examination and proofreading of all the citations in the text be made to make sure they are also found in the reference list.	
5		One final comment is please give the report to someone to proofread for spelling and grammatical errors and problems with sentences that do not make much sense. I am not going to list all the errors that I or others have pointed out to me, but the fact that they were not caught before the report was sent out lends to a sloppy appearance and does not show the professionalism I think you desire.	