



## Department of Energy

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Mr. Steve Berendzen  
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Subject: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Rocky Flats Site 2011 Annual Mitigation Monitoring Reports

Dear Mr. Berendzen:

Enclosed are two annual reports that are due to USFWS by December 1, 2011. The reports contain summaries and photographs of monitoring that the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) was required to conduct for different projects under three different Biological Assessments/Opinions letters that DOE has received from USFWS. The reports are contained on the enclosed DVD. Two copies of the DVD are being provided at this time.

The reports are completely electronic (as they have been in the past) because of the large number of monitoring photographs that are included. The reports are set up as websites on the DVD. To access the reports, put the DVD into the DVD drive on the computer and open Windows Explorer. Click on the file called "START HERE 2011 USFWS BO Report.htm." Click the various sections of each report, as if you were navigating the Internet, to access them. If desired, different sections can be printed.

The two reports included on the DVD are:

- 1) Preble's Mouse Mitigation Monitoring Report for the Programmatic Biological Opinion at the Rocky Flats Site. 2011 Annual Report. Biological Opinion: ES/LK-6-CO-04-F-012. (includes monitoring data for Biological Opinion: ES/LK-6-CO-08-F-020)
- 2) Preble's Mouse Mitigation Monitoring Report for the East Shooting Range Remediation Project at the Rocky Flats Site. 2011 Annual Report. Biological Opinion: ES/LK-6-CO-04-032

Based on the 2011 monitoring data, the following locations have well established stands of vegetation, have met success criteria, and no longer require monitoring: OPWL area (GIS# B, C), FC-3 reconfiguration area (GIS# Q), FC-1 North Access Road and culvert removal area (GIS# W), the SPPTS area (GIS# II), and the A-and B-series ponds and associated locations (GIS# KK). Additionally, a former storage yard along North Walnut Creek located within Preble's habitat (GIS# NN) that was reclaimed during site closure has been successfully revegetated. DOE requests USFWS concurrence that no further monitoring or reporting is required at these locations and that credit may be taken for these areas. The GIS number identifiers can be found in the Preble's Mouse Mitigation Debit/Credit Spreadsheet (located on the DVD in the monitoring report for the Programmatic Biological Opinion at the Rocky Flats Site under Appendix C). These locations will be managed like other areas of Preble's mouse habitat at the Site.

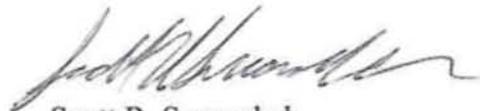


In addition, the successful reestablishment of vegetation along the FC-2, FC-3, and FC-4 channels now provides a potential travel corridor for the Preble's mice to use at these locations through the former Industrial Area. Therefore, DOE also requests consultation with the USFWS to determine whether the stream reaches along FC-2, FC-3, and FC-4 can be taken for habitat creation credit.

Please contact me at (720) 377-9682 or at [scott.surovchak@lm.doe.gov](mailto:scott.surovchak@lm.doe.gov) if you require additional information, need additional DVDs, or have any questions. Please send any correspondence to:

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Sincerely,



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## Rocky Flats Site, 2011 USFWS Biological Opinion Reports for the Rocky Flats Site

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