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FROM T P Lovseth, Field Operations, Bldg 080, X8706
TPL

SUBJECT ACCESS TO PROPOSED MONITORING WELLS IN THE PREBLE'S MEADOW JUMPING
MOUSE HABITAT - TPL-025-94

DOE Order 5400 1

Action None required

The last bullet item reference in the October 3, 1994 letter from Ecology and Watershed Management to C A Bicher requires that groundwater monitoring personnel approach the proposed wells on foot and stipulates that driving farther than the nearest established road will be prohibited. I agree that these wells should be approached on foot because of the sensitive nature of the wetland habitat, however, restricting vehicles to established roads may have an adverse impact to the environmental restoration effort in terms of both schedule and cost. It only is necessary to prohibit driving in the habitat area. Driving to a nearby point (beyond the habitat boundary) up to 100 feet away will allow groundwater monitoring personnel a practical access to sampling equipment including but not limited to, decon equipment, sample bottles, the air compressor required to run the bladder pump, purge water, and the Hach Kit.

Therefore, I suggest a rewording of the conditions such that vehicles be prohibited from roadless-habitat areas. Excessive restrictions to the quarterly sampling effort may establish a precedence that will impede all environmental restoration activities.

Please call me if you have any questions.

TPL bk

cc

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