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MESSAGE

Enclosed is a recently received response from the State of New Mexico Department of Game and Fish regarding the French, NM to York Canyon, NM abandonment, AB-6 (Sub-No. 428X).

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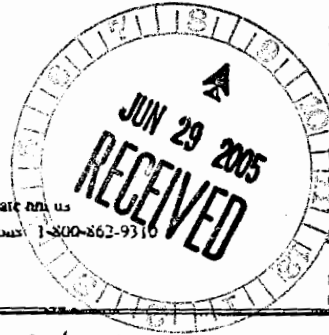
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AB-6 Sub-No. 428X

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Re Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Abandonment between French, New Mexico and
York Canyon, New Mexico
NMGF No. 10091

Dear Mr. Nentles,

In response to your letter dated May 10 2005, regarding the above referenced project, the Department of Game and Fish (Department) does not anticipate significant impacts to wildlife or sensitive habitats. For your information, we have enclosed a list of sensitive, threatened and endangered species that occur in Colfax County.

For more information on listed and other species of concern, contact the following sources:

1. Species Accounts: <http://fwre.fws.gov/states/nm.htm>
2. Species Searches: <http://nmnhp.unm.edu/bison/bisonquery.php>
3. New Mexico Wildlife of Concern by Counties List:
http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/conservation/share_with_wildlife/documents/speciesofconcern.pdf
4. Habitat Handbook Project Guidelines:
http://wildlife.state.nm.us/conservation/habitat_handbook/index.htm
5. For custom, site-specific database searches on plants and wildlife Go to Data then to Free On-Line Data and follow the directions go to: <http://nmnhp.unm.edu>
6. New Mexico State Forestry Division (505-827-5830) or <http://nmrareplants.unm.edu/index.html> for state-listed plants
7. For the most current listing of federally listed species always check the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (505-346-2525) or <http://ifw2es.fws.gov/EndangeredSpecies/lists/>.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on your project. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Draney at (505) 758-8851 or sdraney@state.nm.us

Sincerely,

Janell Ward, Assistant Chief
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Common Name	SCIENTIFIC NAME	FWS...	NM...	FS...	BLM...	NM...	FWS...
		ESA	WCA	R3	NM	San	SOC
Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout	Oncorhynchus clarki virginalis	-	-	S	-	S	M
Rio Grande Chub	Gila pandora	-	-	-	-	S	-
Plains Minnow	Bythynotus placitus (Native Pop)	-	-	-	S	S	-
Suckermouth Minnow	Phenacobius mirabilis	-	T	S	-	-	-
Southern Redbelly Dace	Phoxinus erythrogaster	-	E	S	-	-	-
Flathead Chub	Platyphio gracilis	-	-	-	S	-	-
Northern Leopard Frog	Rana pipiens	-	-	S	-	-	-
Clark's Grebe	Aechmophorus clarkii	-	-	S	-	-	-
American Bittern	Botaurus lentiginosus	-	-	S	-	-	-
Great Egret	Ardea alba egretta	-	-	S	-	-	-
Snowy Egret	Egretta thula brewsteri	-	-	S	-	-	-
Green Heron	Butorides virescens	-	-	S	-	-	-
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax boettli	-	-	S	-	-	-
White-faced Ibis	Plegadis chibi	-	-	S	S	-	-
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus carolinensis	-	-	S	-	-	-
Mississippi Kite	Ictinia mississippiensis	-	-	S	-	-	-
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	AD, T	mg	T	S	-	-
Northern Goshawk	Accipiter gentilis	-	-	S	S	S	S
Swainson's Hawk	Buteo swainsoni	-	-	S	-	-	-
Ferruginous Hawk	Buteo regalis	-	-	S	S	-	-
American Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus anatum	DM, B	T	S	-	-	S
White-tailed Ptarmigan	Lagopus leucurus altipetens	-	E	S	-	-	-
Sora	Porzana carolina	-	-	S	-	-	-
Western Snowy Plover	Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus	-	-	S	-	-	-
Piping Plover	Charadrius melodus carolinensis	T	S	E	-	-	-
Mountain Plover	Charadrius montanus	PT	-	S	-	S	-
Black-necked Stilt	Himantopus mexicanus	-	-	S	-	-	-
Long-billed Curlew	Numenius americanus americanus	-	-	S	-	-	-
Black Tern	Chlidonias niger carolinensis	-	-	-	X	-	S
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus americanus occidentalis	-	-	S	-	S	S
Burrowing Owl	Athene cunicularia hypugaea	-	-	-	S	-	S
Mexican Spotted Owl	Strix occidentalis lucida	T	hm	-	S	-	S
Boreal Owl	Aegolius funereus	-	T	S	-	-	-
Belted Kingfisher	Ceryle alcyon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Southwestern Willow Flycatcher	Empidonax traillii extimus	E	b	E	S	-	-
Loggerhead Shrike	Lanius ludovicianus	-	-	-	S	S	-
Gray Catbird	Dumetella carolinensis ruficrista	-	-	S	-	-	-
American Redstart	Setophaga ruticilla tricolora	-	-	S	-	-	-
Baird's Sparrow	Ammodramus bairdii	-	T	S	S	-	S
Little Brown Myotis Bat	Myotis lucifugus carissima	-	-	-	-	S	-
Long-legged Myotis Bat	Myotis volans interior	-	-	-	S	S	-
Fringed Myotis Bat	Myotis thysanodes thysanodes	-	-	-	S	S	-
Long-eared Myotis Bat	Myotis evotis evotis	-	-	-	S	X	-
Yellow-bellied Marmot	Marmota flaviventris	-	-	-	-	X	-
Black-tailed Prairie Dog	Cynomys ludovicianus ludovicianus	C	M	-	-	S	-
Gunnison's Prairie Dog	Cynomys gunnisoni	-	-	-	-	S	-
Heather Vole	Phenacomys intermedius intermedius	-	-	-	-	S	-
Prairie Vole	Microtus ochrogaster haydenii	-	-	-	-	S	-
Swift Fox	Vulpes velox velox	-	-	S	-	S	S
Ringtail	Bassariscus astutus	-	-	S	-	S	-
American Marten	Martes americana origenes	-	T	S	-	-	-

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Western Spotted Skunk	<i>Spilogale gracilis</i>	-	-	-	-	s	-
Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep	<i>Ovis canadensis canadensis</i>	-	-	s	-	m	-
Lake Fingernailclam	<i>Musculius lacustris</i>	-	T	s	-	-	-
Star Gyro Saail	<i>Gyraulus crista</i>	-	T	s	-	-	-

NATIVE SPECIES APPARENTLY NO LONGER OCCURRING IN COLFAX COUNTY

New Mexico Sharp-tailed Grouse	<i>Tympanuchus phasianellus huxleyi</i>	(extinct, NM endemic)
Gray Wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>	
Grizzly Bear	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	(extirpated from NM)
Black-footed Ferret	<i>Mustela nigripes</i>	(extirpated from NM)
Mink	<i>Mustela vison energumenos</i>	(extirpated from NM)
Jaguar	<i>Panthera onca arizonensis</i>	
American Bison	<i>Bos bison</i>	
New Mexico Fritillary Butterfly	<i>Speyeria hydaspe conquista</i>	