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Subject: Restoration Activities at Stream Crossings (Stream Crossing Programmatic) —  
Idaho and Nevada —Biological Opinion  
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Dear Ms. Krueger, Mr. Forsgren, Mr. Ellis, and Mr. Barrows:

Enclosed are the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) Biological Opinion (Opinion) and concurrence with the Forest Service's, Bureau of Land Management's, and Corps of Engineers' (Agencies) determinations of effect on species listed under the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended, for the proposed Restoration Activities at Stream Crossings in the state of Idaho and a portion of Nevada. In letters dated December 6 (Forest Service), 15 (Bureau of Land Management), and 13 (Corps of Engineers), 2011, and received by the Service on December 12, 19, and 16, 2011, respectively, the Agencies requested formal consultation on the determination under section 7 of the Act that the proposed program is likely to adversely affect bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*) and bull trout critical habitat. The Agencies determined that the proposed program is not likely to adversely affect the grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*), the Canada lynx (*Lynx canadensis*), the northern Idaho ground squirrel (*Urocitellus brunneus brunneus*), *Mirabilis macfarlanei* (MacFarlane's four-o'clock), *Silene spaldingii* (Spalding's catchfly), *Howellia aquatilis* (water howellia), and *Lepidium papilliferum* (slickspot peppergrass), listed species in Idaho, and requested our concurrence with these determinations. The Agencies also determined that the proposed project will have no effect on the woodland caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*) and the Kootenai River white sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*); the Service acknowledges these determinations.

The enclosed Opinion and concurrence are based primarily on our review of the proposed action, as described in your November 5, 2011, Biological Assessment (Assessment), and the anticipated effects of the action on listed species, and were prepared in accordance with section 7

of the Act. Our Opinion concludes that the proposed project will not jeopardize the survival and recovery of bull trout nor result in adverse modification of its critical habitat. A complete record of this consultation is on file at this office.

Thank you for your continued interest in the conservation of threatened and endangered species. Please contact Pam Druliner at (208) 378-5348 if you have questions concerning this Opinion.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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