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Re: Blue Ledge Mine Site

Dear Mr. McMaster:

I am writing to follow up on your June 25, 2003 correspondence received from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service expressing interest in the Blue Ledge Mine Site in Siskiyou County, California (the Site). An exceptional opportunity has manifested to address the Site with the approval of project funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The USDA Forest Service is currently contemplating a removal action at the Site pursuant to its delegated CERCLA response authorities. The Forest Service's response actions at the Site are also being coordinated with EPA Region IX.

The Forest Service is making preparations to publish in the near future a public notice of availability of a draft Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) and Administrative Record file for the Site. Enclosed, as a courtesy, is a copy of the draft EE/CA. Also enclosed are copies of a Preassessment Screen relating to potential natural resource damages, the Site Inspection Report, and the MOU between EPA Region IX and the Forest Service.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the draft EE/CA, or any of the other documents, please provide them to me within 30 days at 645 Washington Street, Ashland, OR 97520, or at pajones@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

