

## **Appendix 2**

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December 3, 2015

FWS  
 Attn. Ann Timberman  
 445 W Gunnison Ave, Suite 240  
 Grand Junction, CO 81501

Dear Ms. Timberman:

We are requesting information on endangered, threatened, or candidate species in the vicinity of a proposed runway and taxiway improvement project at the Aspen/Pitkin County Airport located in Section 3 of Township 10S, Range 85W, and Sections 27 and 34 of Township 9S, Range 84W 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., (39° 13' 24.8" N, 106° 52' 1.5" W). The Aspen/Pitkin County Airport is requesting this information for preparation of their Environmental Assessment documents.


By way of past correspondence, in 2009 we requested review and confirmation regarding endangered, threatened, or candidate species in the vicinity of a proposed runway extension at the Aspen/Pitkin County Airport in the same vicinity as the current project. We received a letter dated August 6, 2009 from FWS concurring that no adverse effect on identified species would occur. That letter is attached.

We recently visited the FWS ECOS critical habitat website and found that no critical habitat was identified in Pitkin County. However, we would like to confirm that no further consultation with the FWS is required at this time.

We have also conducted field investigations associated at the project site in September of 2015 and did not observe any threatened, endangered or candidate species or critical habitat within or in the vicinity of the project area.

We are also requesting confirmation of our findings based on current FWS protocol regarding this investigation.

We appreciate your timely response to this request. If you have any additional comments at this time, we would very much appreciate your input. Thank you.

Sincerely,  


Tim Lapello  
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Ecological Services  
Grand Junction, CO

August 3, 2009

USFWS  
Attn. Patricia Gelatt  
764 Horizon Drive, Building B  
Grand Junction, CO 81506-3946

Dear Ms. Gelatt:

We are requesting information on endangered, threatened, or candidate species in the vicinity of a proposed runway extension at the Aspen/Pitkin County Airport located in Section 3 of Township 10S, Range 85W, and Sections 27 and 34 of Township 9S, Range 84W 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., (39° 13' 24.8" N, 106° 52' 1.5" W). The Aspen/Pitkin County Airport is requesting this information for preparation of their Environmental Assessment documents.

We originally requested this information with a letter in April, 2008. Based on a phone conversation on October 2, 2008 the USFWS directed us to visit the USFWS ECOS critical habitat website. The USFWS indicated that if critical habitat was identified within the project area we were directed to proceed with further consultation. Based on information provided by the website, no critical habitat was identified in Pitkin County and further consultation with the USFWS was not required at that time.

We have also conducted field investigations at the project site in July of 2008 and did not observe any threatened, endangered or candidate species or critical habitat within or in the vicinity of the project area.

Based on several phone conversations and guidance provided by Mr. Terry Ireland of the USFWS Grand Junction, Colorado office, we have also conducted further research through the review of a re-evaluation titled *Wildlife Resources and Threatened and Endangered Species-Technical Report, State HWY 82/ Entrance to Aspen, Environmental Reevaluation*. This re-evaluation of wildlife resources was completed in February 20, 2007 in association with a CDOT project to expand State HWY 82 in the Aspen/Pitkin County Airport area. Portions of the highway expansion are adjacent to the Aspen/Pitkin County Airport, and therefore include similar habitat and associated plant communities that are common to the State Hwy 82 corridor. The CDOT report concludes that there will be no impacts to threatened and endangered or candidate species associated with the Hwy 82 expansion.


We have also consulted via a phone conversation with Mr. Phil Nyland, a Wildlife Biologist with the White River National Forest Service, regarding any effects to the Canada lynx in this area. Mr. Nyland requested that we refer to the aforementioned CDOT report and review the results documented in the report. In this report Mr. Nyland

states that he does not believe "that the work within the State Highway 82 corridor would present (sic) affect the Canada lynx or its habitat".

Based on these findings, we are requesting your concurrence that there will be no impacts to federally Threatened, Endangered or Candidate species associated with the proposed runway extension at the Aspen/Pitkin County Airport.

We appreciate your timely response to this request. If you have any additional comments at this time, we would very much appreciate your input. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Lapello". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "T".

Tim Lapello  
Bio-Environs