

Ruiz, Nina

From: Daniel Maynard <dmaynard@bristleconeecology.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 10:26 AM
To: 'Norbie Larsen'; Ruiz, Nina
Cc: Dossey, Craig; 'David Whitehead'; Smith, Lisa
Subject: FW: Monument Ridge Development

Good morning,

We have received the response below from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service re: our determination of “Not Likely to Adversely Affect” the Preble’s meadow jumping mouse for the Monument Ridge development. The Service has concurred with our determination. This email serves as the official response to our request and can be used in county permitting or other instances where concurrence is required.

Thanks!
Dan



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From: ColoradoES, FW6 <ColoradoES@fws.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 3:54 PM
To: Daniel Maynard <dmaynard@bristleconeecology.com>
Subject: RE: Monument Ridge Development

Hello Daniel Maynard,

Thank you for requesting technical assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) on the Monument Ridge development project north of Monument in El Paso County, Colorado. You asked that we concur with your determination that the project is not likely to adversely affect Preble's meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*; mouse), which is listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

This project does not appear to have a federal nexus; is that correct? If not, this email will suffice as your technical response. If there is a federal nexus, we encourage you to contact your federal representative.

Based on the information you provided and our own review of aerial imagery, we agree that the project footprint does not contain a suitable habitat for the mouse and that the project will not have adverse impacts on it. We appreciate your request for assistance and encourage you to contact us again if the scope of the project changes or new information indicates that the project may result in the take of a listed species. We also encourage you to pass our contact information to construction contractors in the event there are any questions or points of clarification.

Please reference ECOSphere project code 2024-0054081 when contacting our office about this letter. If we can be of any additional assistance, please contact Elizabeth Bainbridge at elizabeth_bainbridge@fws.gov.

Best Regards,

Elizabeth Bainbridge
For

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