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Dear Mr. Hostetler:

Thank you for your January 10, 2018, letter requesting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) comments on rezoning the property at 1755 East Las Vegas Street in Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado, for a proposed wood recycling facility.

We appreciate the inclusion of an assessment of the proposed project and we interpret your letter to be a request for technical assistance regarding the likelihood of the described project resulting in effects to threatened or endangered species ("listed species"). Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act as amended (16 USC 1531 et seq.) prohibits any action that would likely result in "take" of a listed species (take is defined by the Act as to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound kill, trap, capture, or collect or attempt to engage in any such conduct of listed species). Based on the information presented in your assessment, and the Service's understanding of the nature of the project, local conditions, and current information of listed species and their habitat, it seems unlikely that the project will result in take of listed species due to lack of habitat for any species that may occur in the project vicinity.

The Service appreciates your request and encourages you to contact us again if the scope of the project changes or new information indicates that the project may result in take of listed species.

Sincerely,

for Drue L. DeBerry
Colorado and Nebraska Field Offices Supervisor