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Dear Interested Parties:

We wanted to make you aware of two errors in our letter concerning the Endangered Species Act, Section 7 Consultation Guidance provided by our office. The letter is mistakenly dated January 23, 2004. It should have been dated January 27, 2006. Additionally, please note that there is a new website link for our county species lists. Enclosed is the revised letter with the corrected information.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. We appreciate your continued interest in conserving endangered species. If further assistance is needed or you have any questions, please contact Laura Romin, at (801) 975-3330 extension 142.

Sincerely,

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Dear Interested Parties:

In the past, our office has responded to requests for species lists and requests for concurrence on "no effect" determinations. We believed that these procedures were mutually beneficial as they maintained good interagency coordination on all project activities and provided clear documentation of section 7 consultations for your files. Due to current funding allocations and increased workload, the Utah Field Office is changing priorities and eliminating some of our current section 7 procedures. We wanted to make you aware of these changes and recommend that you also provide this information to project-level consultants, as appropriate.

- 1) Species lists will no longer be provided in letter format. Current county species lists can be obtained from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service website:  
<http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/endspp/CountyLists/UTAH.htm>  
We recommend that you check this website on a regular basis to confirm that you are using the most current list.
- 2) We will no longer provide concurrence for "no effect" determinations. Federal agencies can individually analyze and conclude that a project has "no effect" to a listed species. Written concurrence from our office is not required for "no effect" determinations. If you are unsure if a project will affect a listed species, please call and we can discuss proposed actions. At this time, we will still provide written concurrence for projects that "may affect" listed species, either by informal concurrence letters or formal biological opinions (50 CFR 402).

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