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Re: Mexican Spotted Owl- Skyline Mine Area

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Please post this to the greenbar titled "Mexican spotted Owl" for Skyline C/007/0005

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On Wed, Sep 9, 2015 at 9:37 AM, Jewkes, Jeff A -FS <jjewkes@fs.fed.us> wrote:

Lisa,

That is correct, the Skyline Mine permit area is not suitable Mexican spotted owl habitat and would not need surveys. Because it is on the Carbon County list, it follows the county line. Mexican spotted owls are also found in canyon habitat dominated by vertical-walled rocky cliffs within complex watersheds, including tributary side canyons. Rock walls with caves, ledges, and other areas provide protected nest and roost sites. Canyon habitat may include small isolated patches or stringers of forested vegetation including stands of mixed-conifer, ponderosa pine, pine-oak, pinyon-juniper, and/or riparian vegetation in which owls regularly roost and forage.

Jeff

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Jeff,

Per our phone conversation this morning, I am confirming with you that the Skyline Mine permit area does not fall within Mexican Spotted Owl habitat and there is no need to require MSO surveys in that area. The reason it pops up on the T&E species list is because there is habitat within that County, but it occurs in the really steep canyons, none of which occur in the permit area.

Can you confirm please.

Thanks!!!

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