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Dear Ms. Nielson:

Re: Powerline inspection, Andalex Resorces Wildcat Loadout, ACT/007/033 # 5

In response to your request of August 17, we examined powerlines associated with the Wildcat Loadout facility. We presumed that the power poles between the substation and the loadout facility were the only lines that were the responsibility of Andalex Resources.

These powerpoles conformed to specifications for the prevention of raptor electrocution with one possible exception. It was not possible to ascertain whether or not those T-shaped poles had lightning strike ground wires gapped below the lowest conductor wire. Gapping should be located at a minimum of 12 inches below the lowest conductor. This was a configuration recommended in our letter to Tower Resources, Inc. dated October 3, 1984.

With a confirmation that the recommended ground wire gaps were in place the Fish and Wildlife Service would concur with a determination that the powerlines at the Wildcat Loadout are raptor safe.

If we can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact Clark D. Johnson (524-5649).

Sincerely,

Robert G. Ruesink

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State Supervisor

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