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Mr. Dave Shaver – Manager Tech. Serv.
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RE: Mexican Spotted Owl Habitat Survey near Grassy Trail Reservoir and Left Fork
Whitmore Canyon.

Dear Mr. Shaver,

On 9 October 2001, Brad Crompton and Chris Colt (DWR Wildlife Biologists) surveyed (from fixed wing aircraft) the west side of Left Fork Whitmore Canyon from Grassy Trail Reservoir to the west edge of section 35 (T13S, R13E) for suitable Mexican spotted owl (MSO) habitat. It is our opinion that this area does not contain suitable habitat for nesting and roosting. Therefore we do not believe that this area needs to be surveyed from the ground for the presence of MSO. Additionally, we do not believe that the mining of sections 1 & 12, T14S, R13E, and section 35, T13S, R13E will adversely affect MSOs.

If you have questions regarding these comments, or would like to review photos of the area, please contact Chris Colt at 435-636-0279.

Sincerely,

Kevin Christopherson
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Regional Supervisor

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