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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Washington, DC 20555-001

Subject: Proposed Decommissioning of the Former Salmon River Uranium
Development, Inc. Mill Site Near North Fork, Lemhi County, Idaho.
SL# 06-0982

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is providing you with a list of endangered, threatened, proposed, and/or candidate species which may be present in the area of the proposed decommissioning of the former Salmon River Uranium Development, Inc. mill site near North Fork, Lemhi County, Idaho. This list fulfills the requirements for a species list under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended. If the project decision is not made within 180 days of this letter, regulations require that you request an updated list. Please refer to the SL number above in all correspondence and reports.

Section 7 of the Act requires Federal agencies to assure that their actions are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of endangered or threatened species. Federal funding, permitting, or land use management decisions are considered to be Federal actions subject to section 7. If the proposed action may affect a listed species, consultation with the Service is required. Formal consultation must be initiated for any project that is likely to adversely affect a threatened or endangered species. If a project involves a major construction activity and may affect listed species, Federal agencies are required to prepare a Biological Assessment. If a proposed species is likely to be jeopardized by a Federal action, regulations require a conference between the Federal agency and the Service.

If you determine otherwise or require further assistance, please contact Deb Mignogno of this office at (208) 237-6975. Thank you for your continued interest in endangered species conservation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deb Mignogno', written over a horizontal line.

Deb Mignogno
Supervisor, Eastern Idaho Field Office

Attachment



NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
LEMHI COUNTY, IDAHO
SPECIES LIST 06-0982

LISTED SPECIES

COMMENTS

Gray wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>)	XN - Experimental/Non-essential population
Canada lynx (<i>Lynx canadensis</i>)	LT
Bald eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>)	LT
Bull trout (<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>)	LT

PROPOSED SPECIES/CRITICAL HABITAT

Steelhead (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>)	CH – NOAA Fisheries jurisdiction
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CANDIDATE SPECIES¹

Yellow-billed cuckoo (<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>)	C
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¹Candidate species have no protection under the Act, but are included for your early planning consideration. Candidate species could be proposed or listed during the project planning period, and would then be covered under Section 7 of the Act. The Service advises an evaluation of potential effects on candidate species that may occur in the project area.