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Date: August 3, 2000

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Attn: Doug Young
2600 SE 98th Ave. Suite 100
Portland, Oregon 97266

Dear Mr. Young,

Per regulations on interagency cooperation (50 CFR 402) pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973 (as amended), the Prineville BLM informally conferenced with regard to the Northeast Oregon Assembled Land Exchange (refer to file # 8330.0604 (98) dated May 21, 1998). A conference report with respect to candidate species (i.e. bull trout) was completed at that time. Since this conference report was prepared the bull trout have been officially designated as a threatened species.

The proposed action as outlined within the Northeast Oregon Assembled Land Exchange Environmental Impact Statement has not changed since the conference report was completed. The BLM therefore requests that the conference report be officially 'rolled over' into an official concurrence letter with respect to this action. If you have any questions, please contact Brent Ralston at (541) 416-6713.

Sincerely,

Dan Tippy
Acting Area Manager
Central Oregon Resource Area