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From: Paul Henson, Ph.D., State Supervisor, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office
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Subject: Endangered Species Act Section 7 Informal Consultation for Future Operations and Maintenance of the Tualatin Project, Oregon

The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) received your April 17, 2009, letter requesting a Letter of Concurrence for the final *Biological Assessment for Bureau of Reclamation Future Operation and Maintenance in the Tualatin River Subbasin – Tualatin Project, March 2009*. The proposed action is the future operation and maintenance of the Tualatin Project, including projected uses of project water through the year 2020 and beyond. Reclamation has determined that the proposed action will have “no effect” on northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*), Willamette daisy (*Erigeron decumbens* var. *decumbens*), Howellia (*Howellia aquatilis*), Bradshaw’s lomatium (*Lomatium bradshawii*), Kincaid’s lupine (*Lupinus sulphureus* var. *kincaidii*), Nelson’s checker-mallow (*Sidalcea nelsoniana*), and golden Indian paintbrush (*Castilleja levisecta*). The purpose of the Project is to supply irrigation water to agricultural lands in the Tualatin River Valley, Oregon, supply water for municipal and industrial use, enhance recreation opportunities, and provide for the conservation and development of fish and wildlife resources. The Tualatin Project includes Scoggins Dam, Henry Hagg Lake/Reservoir, pumping stations, and the associated distribution system.

The Service provided both oral and written comments on the draft Biological Assessment. Because Reclamation has made a “no effect” determination on the listed species under the Services’ jurisdiction, we now consider the consultation process to be concluded. If you have any questions about this consultation, please contact Stephen A. Wille of my staff at (503) 231-6179.