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Ken Berg
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
510 Desmond Drive SE
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Dear Mr. Berg:

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST
ELECTRONIC WARFARE RANGE

On August 12, 2010, the United States Navy (Navy) received Endangered Species Act (ESA) concurrence and a Biological Opinion for training activities conducted by the U.S. Pacific Fleet within the Northwest Training Range Complex (USFWS Reference No: 13410-2009-F-0104). Since consultation was completed, additional details regarding part of the proposed action have been developed, and the Navy is in the process of completing an Environmental Assessment to address this new information.

Specifically, the U.S. Pacific Fleet is proposing (1) renovations to an existing building on the Navy's facility located at Pacific Beach, Washington; (2) the installation of communications equipment on an existing antenna tower within the Olympic Military Operations Area (MOA) at Octopus Mountain; (3) the permitted use of Navy vehicles on existing logging roads on U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and Washington State Department of Natural Resources lands within the Olympic MOAs; and (4) the permitted use of Navy vehicles on existing logging roads on USFS lands within Okanogan and Roosevelt MOAs in north-central Washington.

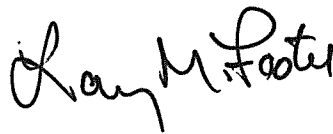
Details regarding these proposals, as well as the analysis of potential effects to federally listed threatened and endangered species, are provided in Enclosure 1. The Navy's effect determinations for listed species within the Action Area have not changed as result of the new information, and no take will occur. Therefore, the Navy has determined that the project does not meet the ESA triggers for re-initiation criteria set forth in 50 CFR 401.16 and is not re-initiating ESA consultation at this time.

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The purpose of this letter is to provide the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with additional information for these activities that was not available during the initial ESA consultation.

If you have questions or require additional information regarding this proposed undertaking please contact Mr. Charles Escola, email: charles.escola@navy.mil, or (360)396-0069.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. M. Foster". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

L. M. FOSTER
By direction

Enclosure: 1. Northwest Training Range Complex Consultation
History and Proposed Action