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Mr. William K. Olson
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Dear Mr. Olson,

This letter serves to acknowledge receipt of five petitions to correct information disseminated by the Forest Service on the northern goshawk, submitted under (a) Public Law 106-554 §515, (b) OMB Guidelines for Ensuring Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information by Federal Agencies, and (c) United States Department of Agriculture's Information Quality Guidelines. We acknowledge receipt of your five petitions, dated January 17, 2003, on January 31, 2003:

1. Management Recommendations for the Northern Goshawk in the Southwestern United States, Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, (GTR-RM-217, August 1992)
2. Record of Decision for Amendment of Forest Plans Arizona and New Mexico, Southwestern Region (June 5, 1996)
3. Expert Interview Summary for the Black Hills National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan Amendment, Black Hills National Forest (2000)
4. Black Hills National Forest Phase I Goshawk Analysis, Black Hills National Forest (2000)
5. Conservation Assessment for the Northern Goshawk in Southeast Alaska, Pacific Northwest Research Station (GTR-PNW-387, November 1996)

We are currently in the process of going through the five petitions, but will need additional time to respond more thoroughly to them. It is important that we initially focus on the first petition because it is the basis for the other four petitions (#2-5). It will require a more in-depth technical and legal evaluation. Therefore, you can expect a more in-depth response to your first petition by July 31, 2003. That response will also include a better estimate of response time for the petitions #2-5.



If you should have additional questions please contact Alison Hill, Assistant Director for Research, at 970-226-1980 or ahill01@fs.fed.us.

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