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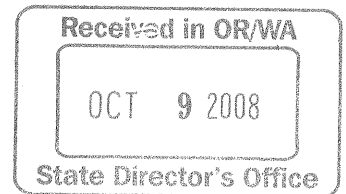
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Dear Mr. Shepard:

Thank you for your October 6, 2008, letter regarding the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) consultation activities under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for the Western Oregon Plan Revisions (Plans).

We appreciate receiving the information contained in your letter, as well as the level of cooperation BLM has provided throughout the planning process. It appears that many of our concerns with the preferred alternative in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement were addressed in the final version.

We look forward to continuing to work with the BLM on this program.

Sincerely,

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Regional Director