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## Memorandum

To: Interested Parties

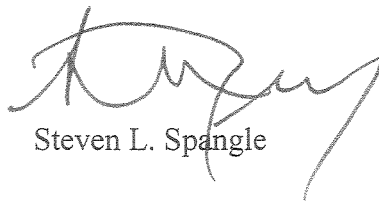
From: Field Supervisor

Subject: Comment Deadline for 12-Month Status Review of the Bald Eagle

We have been asked by a number of parties to extend the comment period for the 12-Month Status Review of the Bald Eagle. Our May 20, 2008, *Federal Register* announcement (Vol. 93, No. 98, pages 29096 to 29098) states, "to allow us adequate time to conduct this review, we request information be submitted on or before July 7, 2008." Because this review is not a rule-making process, the July 7, 2008, date is advisory, and not an official deadline. As a result, comments received after July 7, 2008, can still be considered by the Fish and Wildlife Service, and no official extension of the comment period is required.

However, as the *Federal Register* language suggests, the Fish and Wildlife Service's internal review and court-ordered deadline factor into our ability to consider all information received past July 7, 2008. I encourage you to submit comments as soon as possible to maximize our ability to incorporate them into our review. I also note that the court-ordered deadline and our internal review process require that our draft 12-month finding leave the Arizona Ecological Services Office by August 27, 2008, after which it will be considerably more difficult to incorporate comments. Please submit written comments to me at the letterhead address. We anticipate that the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site will not allow the electronic submittal of comments following July 7, 2008.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Debra Bills (x239) or Greg Beatty (x247) at this office.



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