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Dear Ms. Loucks:

This responds to your April 6, 2011, cover letter and biological assessment (BA) requesting informal consultation for the effects from temporary spoils storage, staging, new parking, and vehicle turnaround at Los Alamos National Laboratory, New Mexico, received on April 8, 2011. As documented in your BA, which is hereby incorporated by reference, we find that your proposed action will have insignificant and discountable effects to the Mexican spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis lucida*). Therefore, the Service concurs with your determination of "may affect, not likely to adversely affect".

This concludes section 7 consultation regarding the proposed action. If monitoring or other information results in modification or the inability to complete all aspects of the proposed action, consultation should be reinitiated. Please contact the Service if: 1) future surveys detect listed, proposed or candidate species in habitats where they have not been previously observed; 2) the proposed action changes or new information reveals effects of the proposal to listed species that have not been considered in this analysis; or 3) a new species is listed or critical habitat designated that may be affected by the action.

Thank you for your concern for endangered species and New Mexico's wildlife habitats. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Gemlo of my staff at the letterhead address or at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

Wally Murphy
Field Supervisor

cc:

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