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RE: FWS Log # 04EG1000-2019-I-0798

Dear Mr. Ticknor:

The Service received and reviewed the survey and data monitoring reports of the left and right gun limits on Hastings Range. Cluster areas; K12, K13, K14, K16, K20, and HRC-A all sustained damage from munitions leading to the closure of the left and right gun limits. Fort Benning is requesting concurrence with the monitoring requirement being fulfilled due to the completion of five years of monitoring reflecting no evidence of additional damage within the effected clusters. The Service provides the following comments in accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.) and section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) relative to the federally endangered red-cockaded woodpecker (*Leuconotopicus borealis*).

After reviewing the survey and data results for the five years of monitoring, The Service concurs the monitoring requirement of the Multi-Purpose Training Range clusters K12, K13, K14, K16, K20, and HRC-A is completed. We understand all future monitoring within these clusters will follow the protocol as implemented on all red-cockaded woodpecker habitat and/or clusters on Fort Benning.

If you have any questions, comments or require additional information regarding this letter, please contact John Doresky at (706) 544-6030.

Sincerely,

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Field Supervisor