



**Maricela
Constantino/CBFO/R5/FWS/D
OI**

Sent by: Maricela Constantino

07/25/2006 05:44 AM

To Douglas Krofta/ARL/R9/FWS/DOI@FWS, Chris
Nolin/ARL/R9/FWS/DOI@FWS, Sarah
Quamme/RO/R2/FWS/DOI@FWS, Susan

cc

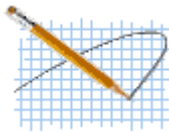
bcc

Subject Fw: Sonoran desert bald eagle significance

Please disregard pg 9 of the significance document I forwarded to you all earlier this morning. This shows some additional language I was preparing but did not ultimately incorporate into the finding. Sorry, it was a little too early in the morning for me to be corresponding with anyone.....

Maricela A. Constantino, Biologist
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Endangered Species, Branch of Listing
4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MS 420
Arlington, VA 22203
703/358-1871 (phone)
703/358-1735 (fax)

----- Forwarded by Maricela Constantino/ARL/R9/FWS/DOI on 07/25/2006 08:40 AM -----



**Maricela
Constantino/CBFO/R5/FWS/D
OI**

Sent by: Maricela Constantino

07/25/2006 06:59 AM

To Douglas Krofta/ARL/R9/FWS/DOI, Sarah
Quamme/RO/R2/FWS/DOI, Susan
Jacobsen/RO/R2/FWS/DOI

cc Chris Nolin/ARL/R9/FWS/DOI

Subject Sonoran desert bald eagle significance

To all -

I've attached a draft of my stab at the significance argument. Susan and Q, please pay particular attention to the section in which we address the following:

"The petition claims that bald eagles in the Southwestern United States have been considered as a distinct population for the purposes of consultation and recovery efforts under the Act (USFWS 2003b)."

This is the only claim for which the FO provided information. The petitioners have cited a 2003 BO to support their claim. Is this accurate? Did we treat the eagles in the Southwest as a DPS in this 2003 document. I ask because our argument is that while the Service acknowledged the existence of this DPS at one time we have not done so since 1994.

I imagine we'll be working to strengthen the argument today, but thought I would try to get something out to everyone first thing in the morning.

talk soon,

Maricela

Maricela A. Constantino, Biologist
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Endangered Species, Branch of Listing
4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MS 420
Arlington, VA 22203
703/358-1871 (phone)
703/358-1735 (fax)[attachment "DPS significance.doc" deleted by Maricela
Constantino/ARL/R9/FWS/DOI]