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Subject draft bald eagle NOI response letter

Hi Marj and Doug-

Here is our draft response for your review (and beyond). Thanks!



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Mr. Justin Augustine
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Dear Mr. Augustine:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 19, 2006, regarding the 60-day notice of intent to sue FWS for violations of the Endangered Species Act in failing to issue a 90-day finding or a 12-month finding on the October 6, 2004 petition to list the southwestern DPS of the bald eagle. The Service was unable to complete work on the 90-day finding during FY 2005 due to court-ordered deadlines for other listing actions and budget limitations. However, we are currently working on the 90-day finding for this petition and we expect to complete it as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

Regional Director, R2