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Subject Bald Eagle 90-Day Petition

Delfie and Sarah:

I am working on the 90-day petition finding for the bald eagle, and in attempting to meet Washington's latest guidance on inserting page numbers with our literature citations in the body of the document, have hit a snag I hope you can help with. I would like to borrow language from the Forest Service programmatic opinion, which cites Sartor Williams from the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, so now I need to get a copy of that document and the relevant page number. The text I want to use is as follows:

"Historical evidence to document bald eagles nesting in New Mexico is lacking, although unverified reports suggest one or two pairs may have nested in southwestern New Mexico prior to 1928. In the mid-1980s, a pair established a territory in Colfax County in an area where bald eagles concentrated in winter, and in 1987 an active nest was discovered nearby which produced two fledglings that year. In 1988, an active nest was discovered in Sierra County, also in an area of wintering eagle concentration; the nest fledged one young that year. Through 1999, those two nests together fledged a minimum of 31 young, with that in Colfax County being one of the more productive nests in North America. Additional nesting activity was recorded elsewhere after the mid-1980s, always in areas of wintering concentrations, including in San Juan, Rio Arriba, Quay, and Sierra counties. However, in each instance eagles built nests only to abandon the effort prior to egg laying; such "practice" nests are not uncommon among inexperienced adults. In 1998, two additional nests were discovered in Colfax County, and each fledged young in both 1998 and 1999 (five young total) (**Williams 2000**)."

I am not sure which of you worked on the bald eagle section, but if you did or know who did, can you please help me track down a copy of this document?

Thanks,
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