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Dear Mr. Sando

The following request was made from Roy Beaty (BPA COTR) about one of our BPA contract deliverables for project # 199004400. I would appreciate it if you could forward this request to the RFC for any possible action. This is part of a resident fish project and the intent of the habitat protection plan is to focus on fish habitat acquisition and prioritization of restoration activities.

Mr. Beaty requested:

"Would you please submit your (Habitat Protection Plan) HPP to the CBFWA Wildlife and Resident Fish committees for a technical review? As we mentioned in our call with Bob last week, the HPP appears adequate to satisfy the deliverable, so further review will not affect whether the next phase of 1990-044-00 gets funded. However, the review would provide more exposure for your product -- inform other tribes and agencies of your work and solicit ideas for technical improvements that could be incorporated in the Plan's subsequent development/refinement. I would appreciate the input of CBFWA biologists on this document, and we will be making our own recommendations for refinement of the Plan.

I already approached CBFWA staff about whether such a review would be possible, and was advised that it might be better for you to make the request than for me/BPA to. It may take a few weeks for the review

I'm also seeking technical review from a biologist at MontgomeryWatsonHarza based on the following guiding questions:

1. Does the Plan clearly describe a well-reasoned process for identifying land properties that have the highest value for protecting and improving habitats for fish and wildlife in general and for the target species in particular?

2. In what ways could the Plan be significantly improved?

3. Do you know of, and can you refer us to, plans that serve a similar purpose and that demonstrate alternative and apparently (in your judgement) better methods?"

These three questions may be a good place to start. I have attached the habitat protection plan in .pdf format for CBFWA review and distribution as necessary. We appreciate any help you can give us in this matter.

Respectfully,

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