



August 27, 2007

Mr. Mike Livak  
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**Subject: Royal Gorge Biological Resource Assessment and Wetland Delineation**

Dear Mr. Livak:

Enclosed are 10 copies of the 2006 Biological Resource Assessment and 2006 Wetland Delineation Report prepared by our firm. I will provide additional information about the status of each document in the following paragraphs.

#### **Biological Resource Assessment**

The September 12, 2006 Biological Resource Assessment was a preliminary assessment of biological resources within the Royal Gorge study area. This document was peer reviewed by a group headed by Dr. Michael White of the Conservation Biology Institute.

We are now revising the 2006 Biological Resource Assessment to address comments, concerns, and issues raised by peer review group. Additional work includes:

- Wildlife field surveys conducted over a period of months by Stephanie Martin and Gaylene Tupen, North Fork Associates wildlife biologists.
- Botanical surveys designed to find and identify small patch communities and special status plants. These surveys began in June of 2007 and will be completed by September. The results will be included in the revised Biological Resource Assessment. Personnel taking part in botanical surveys include Barry Anderson, Jeff Glazner, Pat Britton, Erin Gottschalk, Melissa Perretti, and Rebecca Wayman.
- Meetings with Kevin Whitlock, Professional Registered Forester, to discuss forest resources, resource mapping, and resource management.
- Meetings with Balance Hydrologics to discuss groundwater studies and potential impacts to wetlands.

The revised Biological Resource Assessment should be ready for circulation in October 2007.

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**Wetland Delineation**

The 2006 wetland delineation was a preliminary draft. It is now being revised to include additional locations where offsite impacts may occur, including the wastewater treatment plant, trails on forest service land, and Serene Lakes. The revised draft wetland delineation will be submitted to the Corps soon, and we hope to have a verified delineation before the snow season begins.

If you have questions, please call Barry Anderson or me at (530) 887-8500.

Sincerely,



Jeff Glazner  
Principal Biologist

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2006 Wetland Delineation (10 copies)