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Jacqueline,

Although the sponsor's argument for maintaining the fence was stated, Exhibit 9 does not provide the essential information requested by the USACE and IRT members. We believe that the information enumerated within the USACE's and EPA's previous emails (May 02, 2016 and May 05, 2016 respectively) and referenced within USFWS response (May 06, 2016) should be provided to the IRT. We too would like to review a complete information package.

Thanks for coordinating,
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This does not adequately answer any of my previous questions. In addition, a few more issues are raised below.

-The final sentence of paragraph one states that the fence will only be there for a limited number of years. We need to know how much longer they intend to keep the fence. This can be addressed in maps depicting past, present, and future/planned conditions, but a specific time frame should be included in the narrative portion of their proposal.

-Paragraph two begins with a reference to authorization from CEMVN. The EPA does not have a copy in our records and would very much appreciate a copy of this document.

-Paragraph four states that the herd is kept below the carrying capacity. The EPA is interested in reviewing how the calculations were performed, and how the sponsor will certify that the reported number of animals on site is true. Additionally, we would like the opportunity to review the browse surveys that demonstrate the herd is below the carrying capacity.

Thanks for the opportunity to review and comment on the letter provided by the applicant. We look forward to reviewing the complete information package once it is made available.

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In this e-mail I requested a response by May 23 (looked at wrong date on calendar) but in fact I need a response today so that I can prepare a letter for the Sponsor.

Thanks

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Have patience. Worthwhile work takes time.