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Mr. Scott Bolton
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Dear Mr. Bolton:

We appreciate the opportunity to review the Final Record of Decision document for addressing soil and sediment contamination at the Bains Gap Road Ranges. The BGR Ranges consist of four historical ranges/parcels with chemicals of concern including antimony, arsenic, copper, lead, benzo(a)pyrene, and zinc. We provided concerns & recommendations regarding field work in an email dated May 12, 2014 and expect these to be addressed in the selected contractor's work plan.

The Service concurs with the proposed alternative for remediation with the following stipulation. The 2.38 acre area that falls within the sensitive area will not be remediated (see enclosed map). The Service feels that this area could contain the candidate species White Fringeless orchid and remediation of the site would destroy existing seed bank of the White Fringeless orchid and be too harmful to the sensitive habitat. The Service understands that strict Land Use Controls will be placed on any areas not remediated.

Sincerely,

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Refuge Manager

cc:

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Bains Gap Road Ranges

Metals Contaminated Area

Metals Contamination in Sensitive Area (2.38 Acres)

Sensitive Area

