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Marcia McNutt, Director
United States Geological Survey
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Dear Director McNutt:

The Wildlife Society shares USGS' interest in protecting and managing our water, biological, energy, and mineral resources and is committed to working with you to manage and conserve our nation's important natural assets. The Wildlife Society was founded in 1937 and is a non-profit scientific and educational association of over 9,000 professional wildlife biologists and managers, dedicated to excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education. Our mission is to represent and serve wildlife professionals—the scientists, technicians, and practitioners actively working to study, manage, and conserve native and desired non-native wildlife and their habitats worldwide.

We were pleased to work over the last few years to help USGS develop the National Wildlife and Climate Change Science Center. We were also honored to collaborate with the Ecological Society of America and RTI to perform an independent review of the Biological Resources Discipline.

We would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you soon to discuss current wildlife management and conservation issues of mutual interest, as well as how The Wildlife Society can continue to be a resource to you. Please contact Laura Bies (301-897-9770 ex.308 or laura@wildlife.org) to arrange a meeting at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Michael Hutchins, Ph.D.
Executive Director/CEO