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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Dear Mr. Oh:

I received the attached letter from Mr. Eugene H. Scheid, CBP Office of Finance, responding to an inquiry to DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano. Mr. Scheid referred me to you for further assistance.

I had written with concern about the impact of pedestrian fencing along the US-Mexico border (AZ/NM) on the movement and viability of the jaguar, an endangered species.

Please provide us with information on the following:

1. Mr. Scheid indicated that "pedestrian fence...is generally located in more rural areas where it is unlikely that jaguar movement would occur." This assessment substantially differs from our observations and sources, namely that the pedestrian fence extends across most of the US-Mexico border from the Baboquivari Mountains, AZ on the west to the Animas Valley, NM on the east.

For clarification, please provide a map of the AZ-western NM/Mexico border area showing the current and planned location of the pedestrian fence.

2. Mr. Scheid's letter indicated that CBP expects that the US Department of the Interior (DOI) will mitigate adverse effects to the jaguar from border-related impacts. At the same time, the letter indicated that CBP will continue to implement mitigation to minimize adverse effects on the jaguar.

Please provide information on the kinds of mitigation that are being undertaken or planned by DOI and/or CBP on behalf of the jaguar, including any to facilitate jaguar movements given the existence of pedestrian fencing.

We make this request because accurate information is needed for our ongoing evaluations of border-related impacts on the jaguar and for preparing related recommendations.

Thank you for your kind assistance. You may e-mail me the requested information if that is convenient.

Sincerely,

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