



# United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
Washington, D.C. 20240

July 22, 2004

In Reply Refer To:  
FWS/AEA/18035

On June 21, 2004, you submitted to the Department of the Interior an Information Quality Act (IQA) request to correct information concerning the Sand Mountain blue butterfly. That request was referred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for processing under the Service's IQA guidelines (<http://irm.fws.gov/infoguidelines/index.htm>). The IQA requires that Federal agencies ensure the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information they use or disseminate to the public.

The IQA request that you submitted seeks to correct information in an April 23, 2004 petition that we received from the Center for Biological Diversity, Xerces Society, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility and the Nevada Outdoor Recreation Association to list the Sand Mountain blue butterfly as a threatened or endangered species. Because this petition is correspondence received by the Service and has not been "disseminated to the public" by the Service or adopted as "sponsored information" for any Fish and Wildlife Service action, your IQA request does not meet the requirements for a request for correction of information under the Service's IQA guidelines.

If you are interested in seeking a reconsideration of this response to your IQA request, you may submit an appeal to the Service within 15 business days from the date of this letter and should contain the following:

1. Indication that the person is seeking an appeal of an FWS decision on a previously submitted request for a correction of information, including the date of the original submission and date of FWS decision;
2. Indication of how the individual or organization is an "affected person" under the provisions of the Service's guidelines;
3. Name and contact information. Organizations submitting an appeal should identify an individual as a contact;

4. Explanation of the disagreement with the FWS decision and, if possible, a recommendation of corrective action; and
5. A copy of the original request for the correction of information.

Please submit your appeal to:

Correspondence Control Unit  
Attention: Information Quality Request Processing  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
1849 C Street, NW, Mail Stop 3238-MIB  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas O. Melius". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T" that extends over the first few letters of the name.

Thomas O. Melius  
Assistant Director - External Affairs

cc. Steve Thompson