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Subject Mountain Plover Information - Bakersfield BLM - Carrizo
Plain National Monument 

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Hi Karen and Peter;

Below is an attachment describing the Monument's involvement with mountain plover since 2005, (there was little done between 2002 when there was a regional survey done and 2004). We have conducted an annual survey for mountain plover since 2005 that takes place on one day and covers as much suitable habitat as observers are able to access. In the attachment I have summarized those surveys with some additional notes. I would like to add that we plan on continuing with this survey each year.

Mountain plover are a very sought after bird here for local birders and as information-sharing has become much easier over the past several years we have had an increasing number of birders that come to the Monument and report sightings of mountain plover however, it's extremely difficult to determine whether these are sightings of different birds or if the same birds are detected multiple times. That said, I have not included numbers of mopl reported in this way. After looking them over, there is nothing unusual about the information, (nothing reported very early or late, no unusual behavior). There was a reporting of birds seen in an unusual location just recently but no one was able to confirm the sighting. If you would like me to provide you with the complete list of sightings, I would be happy to provide that information. It would take me a bit of time to sort through it, but not impossible.

Since Amy had provided you with a link to our proposed RMP for the Monument, I did not list out the conservation measures that we have put in place for mopl but would be happy to do that or answer any questions you might have. This is a species we've always had great concern about and are committed to providing protection as well as maintaining suitable habitat for it.

Let me know if you would like the other information I mentioned above.

Thanks,
Kathy



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