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Hi Peter,

Sorry for the delay in following up on this. I have received all the reports available on MOUP from the research projects by Dr. Nacho Gonzalez and his students at the University Autónoma de Nuevo Leon. They are attached here. In talking with them, sounds like they have never focused on looking for them in agricultural lands (although they have also mentioned they have never seen them in ag lands in El Tokio). Since we are going to be doing that in the El Tokio region of NL and Coahuila this winter, a logical next step would be to also do that in Janos.

Attached here are:

- 1) Objectives for a new MOUP project they have proposed for the 2010 NMBCA (focused on trapping and color-marking wintering MOUP and putting radio transmitters on 10 birds to determine home range use, also estimating pop size through distance sampling, and measuring habitat productivity and food resources in areas of high MOUP use)
- 2) A final technical report on studies they have done in El Tokio on MOUP and other priority species
- 3) The MS Thesis from Magdalena Salinas who studied MOUP in Janos,
- 4) Their publication on nesting MOUP in El Tokio (Valle de soledad)
- 5) Summarized MOUP count data for surveys in grasslands in Janos and El Tokio from 2005-2009.

I received a message a little over a week ago from Judy Weimer, via our office in Brighton, concerning a request for a report on MOUP in Mexico from this past winter. I returned her call but haven't heard from her. Our winter grassland bird monitoring doesn't pick up a whole lot of MOUP because of our broad grassland focus and since MOUP appears to be highly specialized on prairie dog towns in Mexico. But I guess that is useful information as well. Anyway, we are still in the process of compiling that report, but I can send it to you (or her) when it's ready. In the meantime, perhaps the summarized data from our partners in Mexico may be helpful. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to follow up in this regard.

Cheers,

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