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To: Yeargan, Catherine; Colligan, Mary A; Crane, Drew; Burns, Melissa L
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: Section 7 ESA consultation with USFWS (UNCLASSIFIED//FOUO)
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Doug,
Thanks for reaching out and sorry I have not coordinated with USFWS and PLP to begin the discussion as to what the Service needs and to begin the consultation for the larger project. When might you or staff be available to start the process? Does your office have availability in the next week or two and if so, when is best?

Shane

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From: Douglass Cooper [mailto:douglass_cooper@fws.gov]
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Hi Shane and Katie,

I'm sure you are busy preparing for the final public meeting. Just wanted to add a note on the section 7 for Pebble - we suggest that we have an in person discussion prior to you submitting your determination to the Service.

We have some concerns about the draft biological assessment contained in the DEIS. It suggests that you may be leaning towards a determination of may affect, but not likely to adversely affect. Our current recommendation would be for you to request formal consultation. Hence, our suggestion that we talk through the determination process and rationale prior to formally submitting a determination.

Thanks,
Doug

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