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## Memorandum

To: Parties Interested in Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy-owl Management and Conservation

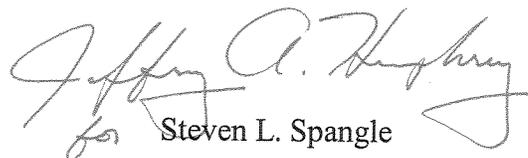
From: Field Supervisor

Subject: Comment Deadline for 12-Month Status Review for the Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl

We have been asked by a number of parties to extend the comment period for the 12-Month Status Review of the Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy-owl. Our June 2, 2008, *Federal Register* announcement (73 FR 31418) states, "to allow us adequate time to conduct this review, we request information be submitted on or before August 1, 2008." Because this review is not a rule-making process, the August 1, 2008, date is advisory, and not an official deadline. Consequently, comments received after August 1, 2008, can still be considered by the Fish and Wildlife Service, and no official extension of the comment period is needed.

However, our need to complete the 12-month status review within statutory requirements does factor into our ability to consider all information received after August 1, 2008. I encourage you to submit information and comments as soon as possible. To maximize our ability to incorporate your information into our status review, we suggest that comments be submitted to us prior to September 30, 2008. Please submit written comments to me at the letterhead address. We anticipate that the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site will not allow the electronic submittal of comments following the August 1, 2008, deadline.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Scott Richardson (520) 670-6150 (x242) or Sherry Barrett (x223) at our Arizona Ecological Services Tucson Sub-office.

  
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