

Response to Comment Letter L-2

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Comment noted. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) acknowledges your support of the proposed action.

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Re: Draft Tehachapi Uplands Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS)

Dear Mr. Root:

I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the draft documents. After reviewing the SDEIS and the MSHCP, I wish to express my support for the plan and urge approval of the permit.

Tejon Ranch is an area of tremendous natural beauty and diversity and warrants the comprehensive protections this MSHCP provides. I was very pleased that much of the property contained within the plan would be preserved and I was impressed by the extensive measures and procedures that Tejon Ranch will take to protect the California condor. It is clear that Tejon Ranch has spent an enormous amount of time and resources to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan to protect the condor, and 26 other species of plants and animals.

Perhaps most importantly, under no circumstances does the proposed MSCHP permit the lethal take of condors. I believe the MSHCP is a thoughtful and comprehensive plan allowing for preservation of sensitive habitat while still allowing for limited development that will benefit California's economy and future growth, which we definitely need in this region of our state.

Of the various alternatives proposed in the SDEIS, the MSHCP is certainly the preferred approach to preserving over 90 percent of this large tract of land and its native wildlife. I am impressed with Tejon's sensitivity to ecological concerns and, more importantly, to take those concerns and fashion them into a thoughtful and comprehensive plan of diverse benefits.

I urge that the FWS issue the permit as presented. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. If you have any questions, please contact my office at (916) 651-4016.

Sincerely,

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State Senator
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To whom it may concern,

Attached is a support letter from California State Senator Michael J. Rubio in support of the Tejon Ranch SDEIS. Thank you and let me know if you have any questions on this matter.

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