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Dear Mr. Spangle:

On May 29, 2002, the Coronado National Forest requested formal consultation for livestock grazing activities and permit issuance for the Lyle Canyon, Canelo and Manila Allotments (Consultation No. 2-21-02-F-201). On June 19, 2002, we provided additional information on these allotments for the Chiricahua Leopard frog. In both of these consultation requests, the Forest identified proposed changes in management, notably a proposal to add 2640 capable acres to the Lyle Canyon Allotment through changes in the allotment boundary, and identified proposed livestock numbers for each allotment as follows:

Lyle Canyon	1404-2184 AM (117-182 CYL)
Canelo	204 AM (2 months, seasonal)
Manila	960-1080 AM (80-90 CYL)

The proposed actions, as described, were subsequently analyzed in the Forest-wide Biological Opinion (BO) on the Continuation of Livestock Grazing, AESO/SE 2-21-98-F-399R1, dated October 25, 2002. Reference to this is found in the BO at the bottom of page 3 where it states: "You requested formal consultation on May 29, 2002, for livestock grazing activities on the Canelo, Lyle Canyon and Manila Allotments (2-21-02-F-201). Those proposed actions are analyzed herein."

For each allotment considered in the Forest-wide consultation, specific information including proposed actions and permitted use were described in allotment summary tables developed by the Forest and provided with our Biological Assessment. These tables were included in the BO as Appendix G. As a result of a typographical error in the table for the Lyle Canyon Allotment, the proposed action for this allotment displays a permitted use of 600 AM, rather than the correct figure of 1404-2184 AM. The planned improvements shown in the table accurately describe the updated proposed action including the additional acreage in the Lyle Canyon Allotment, but the livestock numbers appear to be a hold-over from our previous consultation. This error in the table has recently been brought to our attention as a result of an appeal of a NEPA decision for this allotment.

In order to clarify for our records that the Forest Service identified and the Fish and Wildlife Service considered the correct numbers during consultation, we are requesting your confirmation



that the permitted numbers considered in your BO were, in fact, the 1404-2184 AM identified in our Biological Assessments and consultation requests dated May 29 and June 19, 2002, and not the 600 AM erroneously included in Appendix G of the Opinion. A brief written response confirming your agreement with the foregoing discussion would be sufficient. Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact Rick Gerhart, Range NEPA Team Leader at (520) 670-4503.

Sincerely,

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