



APPENDIX K

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Western Colorado Ecological Services Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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RE: 2017 Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Surveys in Colorado

To Whom It May Concern:

In fulfillment of the permitting requirements set forth in our USFWS Recovery Permit TE819491-4 (-5 effective 6/19/2017), please find the enclosed documents describing southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) surveys completed in Colorado in 2017. We conducted protocol surveys for one project, summarized as follows:

Protocol surveys for the Durango La Plata Airport property included three sites – two around the airport operations area and another on the Florida River, La Plata County, Colorado. The airport sites consist primarily of native willow species (*Salix* spp.) and cattails (*Typha latifolia*), and the Florida River site consists primarily of Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*) and another exotic riparian species. No willow flycatchers were seen or heard during surveys conducted in 2017.

Sincerely,



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Biologist

Cc: Colorado Parks and Wildlife

