



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, D.C. 20240

Honorable John C. Doerfler
Williamson County Courthouse
710 Main, Second Floor
Georgetown, Texas 78626

Dear Judge Doerfler:

Thank you for your letter of October 5, 2001, to Secretary Norton requesting that the Fish and Wildlife Service reconsider a funding proposal submitted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for acquisition of Bone Cave harvestman habitat in Williamson County. We appreciate your interest in the Section 6 Recovery Land Acquisition Grant Program and your support for this proposal.

In the Recovery Land Acquisition Grant Program's first year, approximately \$11 million was made available for grants to the States. The Service received 46 high-quality proposals for grants through this program, requesting approximately \$33.5 million in Federal funding. Because grant requests greatly exceeded available funding, we were unable to fund many of the exceptional proposals we received. Unfortunately, we were unable to fund the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Bone Cave harvestman habitat acquisition proposal in fiscal year 2001.

The President's fiscal year 2002 budget proposed, and Congress appropriated, an increase in funding for the Section 6 Recovery Land Acquisition Grants Program to nearly \$18 million. With this increased Federal funding, along with the continued support of the States and project partners, we will be able to expand on the success of this program in the future. We encourage Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to resubmit their proposal for consideration in the fiscal year 2002 selection process.

If you need any further information on the recovery of endangered and threatened species, please contact the Service's Assistant Director for Endangered Species, Mr. Gary Frazer, at (202) 208-4646.

Sincerely,

Assistant Secretary for Fish
and Wildlife and Parks

FIGURE 2-11. LETTER FOR SIGNATURE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, D.C. 20240

Honorable Spencer Bachus
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Bachus:

Thank you for your letter of December 5, 2001, to Secretary Norton supporting the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge in Alabama, and raising concerns regarding the lack of funding in the FY 2003 budget for land acquisition at the Refuge. I apologize for this delayed response.

Although the Refuge was authorized through the legislative process, planning for the Refuge continues. Once the planning process is completed this year, we will begin acquiring land using the \$2.5 million appropriated for FY 2002.

A decision document encompassing planning recommendations is being reviewed internally by the Fish and Wildlife Service. Upon approval of the document, this project will be ranked in the Service's Land Acquisition Priority System (LAPS). All proposed land acquisitions for the National Wildlife Refuge System are evaluated and prioritized using LAPS. The LAPS provides a biological basis for ranking acquisition projects and directs our land acquisition efforts toward those projects having the highest overall national value. These projects are reflected in the Administration's annual budget request for land acquisition funding.

The Fish and Wildlife Service welcomes the opportunity to work in partnership with State, local, and private conservation organizations to pursue protection for this important area. I appreciate your continuing support for our country's national wildlife refuges, and the outstanding natural resources they preserve for future generations of Americans. Please contact Steve Williams, the Service's Director, at (202) 208-4717, if you have further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

David Bernhardt
Director of Congressional
and Legislative Affairs, and
Counselor to the Secretary

FIGURE 2-12. LETTER FOR SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR OF OCL

Honorable Spencer Bachus

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**FIGURE 2-13. SAMPLE COPY LIST FOR LETTER FOR
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OF CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**



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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY
Washington, D.C. 20240

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Sincerely,

J. Steven Griles

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FIGURE 2-14. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY STATIONERY



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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY
Washington, D.C. 20240

Mr. C.W. Mueller
Chairman and CEO
Ameren Corporation
St. Louis, Missouri 63166-6149

Dear Mr. Mueller:

Thank you for copying me on your letter to President Bush regarding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Missouri River Master Water Control Manual. I appreciate your concerns regarding the potential impact that changes in flow regimes in the Missouri River, especially lower flows in summer, could have on water supplies to your power plants, and energy supplies to your customers.

The Corps has the lead for consideration of possible changes in the operation of the Missouri River as it completes its revision of the Master Manual. I understand the Corps is utilizing information such as that found in your letter and testimony, along with comments from government agencies, interest groups, and the public, as it selects its alternative for the operation of the Missouri River that will be included in the final environmental impact statement for the Master Manual. We expect the Corps will select its preferred alternative later this year after considering input from a broad spectrum of interested parties.

Because our concerns are related to the Corps' Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement, it may be helpful for you to contact the Omaha District directly about your concerns. For your convenience, the address is:

Colonel Kurt F. Ubbelohde
Commander, Omaha District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
215 North 17th Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68102-4978

Thank you again for expressing your position on this project.

Sincerely,

J. Steven Griles

FIGURE 2-15. LETTER FOR SIGNATURE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

Mr. C.W. Mueller

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