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WASHINGTON

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Sincerely,

Gale A. Norton

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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

Honorable Benjamin J. Cayetano  
Governor of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Governor Cayetano:

Thank you for your September 19, 2001, letter regarding Mr. Mike Dubrasich's concerns about the survey and collection of the wekiu bug on Manua Kea Volcano. I apologize for the delay in responding to you.

On September 26, 2001, the Fish and Wildlife Service responded to Mr. Dubrasich's concerns about Dr. Dan Polhemus's biological survey for wekiu bugs. Enclosed is a copy of that response. In brief, the Service explained that the survey was conducted with State permission and that Service biologists recently attended a meeting with entomological experts from the State of Hawaii's Office of Historic Preservation and the Office of Mauna Kea Management to review the information on the wekiu bug. We unanimously concluded that information needs to be clarified regarding the current status of the wekiu bug. The Service will work to resolve these issues and apply the results to the current candidate status of the wekiu bug.

I greatly appreciate your concern for the protection and conservation of Mauna Kea's unique fauna. If you have further questions or comments on this matter, you may contact the Service's Director, Steve Williams, at (202) 208-4717.

Sincerely,

Gale A. Norton

Enclosure

**FIGURE 2-18. LETTER FOR SIGNATURE OF THE SECRETARY**

Honorable Benjamin J. Cayetano

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**FIGURE 2-19. SAMPLE COPY LIST FOR LETTER FOR  
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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

Honorable Jennifer Dunn  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ms. Dunn:

Thank you for your May 17, 2002, letter cosigned by 10 other Members of Congress, regarding the Forests and Fish Agreement, an initiative that facilitates conservation of native salmonids by improving forest practices on non-Federal forests in the State of Washington. An identical letter is being sent to each signatory. Specifically, you requested Department of the Interior support for completion of the remaining steps provided for in the Forests and Fish Report--finalization of the section 10 and 4(d) processes under the Endangered Species Act.

As you indicated, the Forests and Fish Agreement is a model for how the Federal Government should interact with State and local governments and private landowners. All those involved, the State of Washington, Tribes, counties and forest owners, should be congratulated on their persistence in arriving at a program that sustains resource use and conservation. The Department of the Interior fully supports expedient development of the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for bull trout. As the lead bureau for Interior, the Fish and Wildlife Service will continue to assist the Agreement stakeholders in development of this HCP. The 4(d) rule is being prepared by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS); however, the Service will coordinate extensively with NMFS to ensure the two processes are complementary.

Service assistance will include the following actions:

- (1) Conduct a joint National Environmental Policy Act review with NMFS that will, to the extent possible, integrate the completed State Environmental Policy Act review of the Washington State Forest Practices Rules established to implement the FFR. Interagency discussions on this issue have already begun.
- (2) Designate a lead project biologist from the Service's Western Washington Office skilled in habitat conservation planning, and familiar with the Report and Pacific Northwest ecosystems. The lead biologist's primary assignment will be to assist FFR HCP development and to coordinate associated activities.

**FIGURE 2-20. LETTER TO MULTIPLE ADDRESSEES  
FOR SIGNATURE OF THE SECRETARY**

(3) Designate a lead Regional Office biologist with extensive experience and expertise in the development of HCPs, including the application and interpretation of applicable regional and national policy. This biologist will work with the Western Washington Office throughout the HCP development process and will coordinate with upper-level managers in the Regional Office and Washington Office on issues with national policy implications, in order to ensure that the Regional Director and the Director of the Service are fully informed about progress.

(4) Develop an implementation agreement. The Western Washington Office has received assistance from the Regional Solicitor's office in developing an implementation agreement between the Federal and State agencies, as well as guidance on the legal issues that may be associated with the HCP and NEPA document development processes.

In your letter, you also asked that a team of policy leaders be formed in Washington to oversee this process. The primary responsibility for implementation of the Forests and Fish Agreement will be the Service's Pacific Northwest Region under the leadership of Regional Director Anne Badgley. Regional Director Badgley has been directed to coordinate closely with Assistant Director for Endangered Species Gary Frazer in Washington. She and Mr. Frazer will report on progress to Steve Williams, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the office of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, who will provide ultimate policy oversight.

For additional information, please contact Steve Williams at (202) 208-4717, or Anne Badgley at (503) 231-6118.

Sincerely,

Gale A. Norton

**FIGURE 2-21. SECOND PAGE OF LETTER FOR SIGNATURE OF THE SECRETARY**

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Honorable Norm Dicks  
Honorable Jim McDermott  
Honorable Adam Smith  
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