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Mr. Rod Meade
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Dear Mr. Meade:

Thank you for your letter dated November 2, 2007, in which you enclosed your recommendations titled *Recommendations on Restoring Spring-run Chinook Salmon to the Upper San Joaquin River*. You indicated in your letter that these recommendations are being submitted in accordance with the provisions of the Stipulation of Settlement in NRDC v. Rodgers (Settlement).

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your recommendations were received and will be distributed appropriately within the Department of the Interior as well as to the other State and Federal agencies implementing the Settlement. Additionally, consistent with an agreement made subsequent to the Settlement, your recommendations will be transmitted to the Third Parties and made available to the general public.

As you are aware, the implementing agencies have formed a Fishery Management Workgroup (FMW) that is currently developing a comprehensive fisheries management plan. This plan, scheduled to be completed in December 2008, will provide a roadmap to adaptively manage efforts to restore and maintain naturally reproducing and self-sustaining populations of salmon and other fish in the San Joaquin River below Friant Dam to the confluence of the Merced River. Your recommendations will be provided to the FMW for consideration in the development of the fisheries management plan.

Your commitment to finalize these recommendations prior to completing your service as Restoration Administrator is very much appreciated. I wish you continued success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

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