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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Washington, D.C. 20240



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Brent Plater
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Dear Mr. Plater:

On February 24, 2011, we received your letter dated February 17, 2011, providing notice of your intent to sue regarding Endangered Species Act (ESA) violations related to our 12-month finding for the Franciscan Manzanita. Region 8 of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Pacific Southwest Region) is the lead office for the Franciscan Manzanita. We anticipate submitting our 12-month finding for this species to the *Federal Register* by late summer 2011.

We appreciate your interest in conserving the Franciscan Manzanita. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Gina Shultz at (703) 358-2478.

Sincerely,


Chief, Office of ESA Litigation

