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Subject: RE: Modification to permit from USFWS consultation

Hi Amanda...

The tree clearing is not a problem with the CNMI...

As for the detonation to a specific time in a calendar year we do have some concerns. We would recommend the we conduct detonation from January to March and July to October... and maybe an option to detonate in April to June for an emergency like the discovery of a larger ordinance.

April to June is our tourist month and we avoid doing anything in Marpi because tours are booked.

Claudio K. Norita

-----Original Message-----

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Good morning –

U.S. Fish and Wildlife sent the informal consultation letter on May 24, 2018. This consultation included the permit conditions already included in the permit with a request to consider two additional considerations. If the addition of these conditions will not impact successful operation of the site, we would prefer to add the conditions that USFWS is requesting into the permit. Please review the conditions they are requesting to be added to the permit and let me know if you have any concerns.

1. Detonation events or land clearing should occur October through December or April through June, to avoid the peak nesting season for the reed-warbler.

2. If the clearing of trees greater than 3 inches in diameter at breast height or grasses taller than 5 feet is required, please contact the Service prior to clearing in order to ensure listed species are not occupying the area.

Please let me know your thoughts by June 22, 2018.

Thank you,

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