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We are just checking boxes internally. We assume that the Tribe would become a designated agent, then might pursue wolf management to address impacts to ungulates at some later time. The question was more geared toward the requirements for the later of the two.

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Kurt,

Good afternoon. Yes, the Tribe was notified of the ungulate provision for tribal lands. We understand that the burden of proof for that provision may be difficult to achieve, but we are glad to have the option should the need arise. To the question in your follow up email, are you asking if the Tribe understands the requirement to be a *designated agent* of the FWS to conduct certain management actions under 10(j)? If so, yes from all of our internal discussions my impression is that our leadership understands that and intends to pursue that designation.

Can I ask if you are just checking boxes internally? I want to make sure I'm not *signing* on lines that I may not be authorized to do so on. FYI, being able to connect with Liisa and Scott regularly has been very helpful in keeping us up to date and comfortable with how the federal process is proceeding. We usually start off by thinking there isn't much to catch up on, but invariably we figure out that, in fact, we have plenty to talk about regarding ESA, 10(j) etc. so the calls are always really productive from my standpoint.

Let me know if you have any other questions,

Thank you,

Aran

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Aran, I am emailing you on behalf of Liisa Niva. We wanted to confirm that the Southern Ute

Indian Tribe has been made aware that the USFWS Colorado Field Office intends to include an exception in our section 10(j) rule that will allow the Tribe to manage wolves that are having an unacceptable impact on ungulate herds or populations on Southern Ute Tribal reservation lands.

Please confirm your awareness of this scenario by responding to this email.

Respectfully,

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