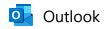
## **ATTACHMENT H**

## UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE CORRESPONDENCE



## **USFWS Golden Eagle Nest consultation**

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Golden eagle nest

## Good morning Kelly:

Thank you for submitting the supporting information regarding the golden eagle nest in the vicinity of the planned Stagecoach Mountain Ranch project.

Based on the information you provided, we don't recommend that the project proponent apply for a disturbance take permit at this time. The following factors went into our recommendation:

- The edge of construction activities is at least ½ mile from the nest
- The construction area is not in direct line of sight of the nest. The nest is located on the opposite side of a cliff.
- There are currently construction activities occurring ~1,000 feet of the nest that is apparently being tolerated by the nesting eagles.

We recommend that you continue to monitor the area for golden eagle nesting activity; especially if they golden eagle pair use an alternate nest in the future. Additionally, you may want to check the CPW raptor nest database for any golden eagle alternate nests in the vicinity of the project. This way we can get ahead of any potential conflicts related to nesting eagles utilizing alternate nest, potentially closer to the project, and future construction activities.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thanks.

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