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In the discussions on the framework agreement, one important issue was the policy regarding Endangered Species Act assurances non-jeopardy for existing conditions as well as new programs and projects. The proposed language in the attachment was found to be desirable, but it was not included in the framework that was released last week. Inclusion of the concepts in the attached language, which would form the basis for long-term stability and success of the program, is still a goal. Perhaps now that the immediate rush to the June 9 deadline is past, the language or its concepts can be worked into the final framework and Record of Decision.

Sincerely,

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