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Mr. Barry Mock
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417 Paseo De Vida
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Subject: Coordination Requirements for Public Lands, W.C. Austin Project, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Mock:

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Reclamation values and relies on the relationships developed over the years between our respective organizations. It is imperative that all activities at the W.C. Austin Project other than routine O&M receive proper Reclamation review and approval to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Please contact me at 512-899-4150 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Treviño
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cc: Mr. Tom Buchanan
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cc: Mr. Glen Kirk, Superintendent
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Dr. Terry Mosley
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Subject: Restoration of Federal Lands Utilized for Unauthorized Old World Pigeon Shoot,
Quartz Mountain Nature Park (Park), W.C. Austin Project, Oklahoma

Dear Dr. Mosley:

As a follow-up to our letter to you dated Oct 8, 2014, Reclamation staff conducted a site visit to investigate the area reportedly used for the "Old World Pigeon Shoot" on September 5, 2014. During that investigation, we noted the following items which must be addressed by the Park:

- An unauthorized burn pit has been constructed on Federal property under the Park's administration. This pit currently contains a variety of building refuse and debris including shingles, tires, sheet rock, etc. The Park shall remove the contents of the burn pit along with all trash and debris in the surrounding area, and dispose of the materials off Federal property at an authorized disposal facility.

Please complete the above listed clean up no later than November 12, 2014 and leave the pit open so that our staff can conduct a follow-up inspection. Upon satisfactory inspection, Reclamation will authorize closing of the pit.

Reclamation has reviewed land records and contracts, and has determined that the Old World Pigeon Shoot occurred on land under the administration of Parks. However, access for the shoot was facilitated by the Lugert-Altus Irrigation District (District). Therefore, Reclamation has requested that the District complete the following restoration items:

- A brick and concrete structure has been constructed in the center of the field used for the Pigeon Shoot without Reclamation approval. The purpose of this structure is unknown, but it is clearly not related to operation of the reservoir or irrigation system. The District will remove this structure and dispose of all materials off Federal property at an authorized disposal facility.

- The site is littered with countless rotting pigeon carcasses, clay targets, shotgun shells, spent brass, empty water bottles, cardboard, plastic packaging, and other refuse. The District will remove and properly dispose of all this refuse off Federal property at an authorized disposal facility.
- The District will remove the portable bleachers from Federal property.
- At least two unauthorized game feeders and associated hunting blinds were observed. The District will remove all game feeders and hunting blinds from the Federal property under its administration.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 405-470-4800.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Restoration of Federal Lands Utilized for Unauthorized Old World Pigeon Shoot,
W.C. Austin Project, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Buchanan:

As a follow-up to our letter to Mr. Barry Mock, Chairman of the Lugert-Altus Irrigation District (District) dated Oct 8, 2014, Reclamation staff conducted a site visit to investigate the area reportedly used for the "Old World Pigeon Shoot" on September 5, 2014. During that investigation, we noted the following items which must be addressed by the District:

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- The District shall remove the portable bleachers from Federal property.
- At least two unauthorized game feeders and associated hunting blinds were observed. The District shall remove all game feeders and hunting blinds from the Federal property under its administration.

These items are in direct violation of the District's contract with the United States. Please complete the above listed site restoration no later than November 12, 2014 so that our staff can follow-up with a verification inspection.

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Subject: Restoration of Federal Lands Utilized for Unauthorized Old World Pigeon Shoot, Quartz Mountain Nature Park (Park), W.C. Austin Project, Oklahoma

Dear Dr. Mosley:

Reclamation staff conducted a verification inspection on December 9, 2014 to ensure all materials had been removed from the unauthorized burn pit as requested in our letter dated October 10, 2014. All materials had been removed from the burn pit; therefore, Reclamation is now requesting the Park backfill the burn pit and restore the area to pre-disturbed conditions.

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Dear Mr. Buchanan:

Reclamation staff conducted a verification inspection on December 9, 2014 to confirm the items requested in our letter dated October 10, 2014 had been completed. The items on the list have been completed to our satisfaction.

Please remember activities other than routine operation and maintenance (O&M) of the Project must be approved by Reclamation and are subject to review and disclosure under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

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