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RE: Data request received 28 February 2014

Dear Mr. Cottle:

We are pleased to provide the information you requested on endangered, threatened, candidate, and/or at risk plant and animal taxa recorded within or near the Cotton Peak Communication Site EA Project, in Churchill County. We searched our database and maps for the following, a five kilometer radius around:

Township 24N Range 35E Section 03

There are no at risk taxa recorded within the given area. However, habitat may be available for: the Lahontan beardtongue, *Penstemon palmeri* var. *macranthus*, a Nevada Bureau of Land Management Sensitive Species; the Reese River phacelia, *Phacelia glaberrima*, a Taxon determined to be Vulnerable by the Nevada Natural Heritage Program (NNHP); the Lahontan milkvetch, *Astragalus porrectus*, a Taxon determined to be Vulnerable by the NNHP; and the Candelaria blazingstar, *Mentzelia candelariae*, a Taxon determined to be Vulnerable by the NNHP. The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) manages, protects, and restores Nevada's wildlife resources and associated habitat. Please contact Chet Van Dellen, NDOW GIS Coordinator (775.688.1565) to obtain further information regarding wildlife resources within and near your area of interest. Removal or destruction of state protected flora species (NAC 527.010) requires a special permit from Nevada Division of Forestry (NRS 527.270).

Please note that our data are dependent on the research and observations of many individuals and organizations, and in most cases are not the result of comprehensive or site-specific field surveys. Natural Heritage reports should never be regarded as final statements on the taxa or areas being considered, nor should they be substituted for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments.

Thank you for checking with our program. Please contact us for additional information or further assistance.

Sincerely,

Eric S. Miskow  
Biologist/Data Manager