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Dear Ms. Ashcraft:

Thank you for your coordination and assistance in the removal and restoration activities on the Childs Irving hydropower decommissioning project. As we have indicated in the past, you and the staff at the power plant sites have been a pleasure to work with and have done an outstanding job of deconstruction and restoration of the project area. We have received and reviewed the reports on the remaining Reaches and understand that you need the Forest Service concurrence and acceptance of these reaches.

We have reviewed the reports and completed on the ground reviews of the areas as stated in the reach reports. We accept the work in these reaches as being complete, except for the need to monitor vegetation establishment at Stehr Lake and the Irving Plant site, which were seeded at the end of the project. At this time, vegetation has not yet been established to the agreed coverage. We would expect on-going monitoring of these two locations and reseeded and mulching at these locations if necessary to achieve satisfactory stabilization of these sites.

We also accept the deviations from the Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP). Initially, APS was to help develop an interpretive site with a library of photos and documents at the Childs power plant. As we have discussed, the Forest Service does not have the ability to operate and keep this facility secured. In order to secure the remaining power house building facilities, we appreciate the work the APS has done to barricade, secure and lock up the building. We accept this work at the site to be complete and meet APS' obligation for an interpretive facility at this location. We understand that the last item of installing the security door is intended to occur soon. As discussed, APS will continue to work with the Forest Service to develop and install interpretive signs for retained project facilities. Also APS will provide information to the Forest Service as referred to in the HPMP and used in interpretation on the forest website and future brochures and interpretation at the site. This material will not be stored at Childs but at the Coconino National Forest offices.



Other than the items stated above, the Forest Service accepts APS' restoration work as complete per the deconstruction plans. Again thank you and the rest of the APS staff for all the great work at this site and during the deconstruction process. You have been a great partner in the Fossil Creek area. If you need anything further, please contact Judy Adams at 928-203-7506.

Sincerely,

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