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Dear Mr. Holsinger:

This relates to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) receipt of your September 14, 2015, email regarding an "Information Quality Act Request (IQQ) for Correction of Information" submitted on behalf of various Petitioners, about USGS Open-File Report 2014-1239: *Conservation Buffer Distance Estimates for Greater Sage-Grouse—A Review*. Documentation related to this IQA request can be viewed on our Web page at http://www.usgs.gov/info_qual/conservation_buffer_distance_estimates_greater_sage-grouse.html.

This letter is to inform you that we will need additional time to complete the evaluation and review of the request beyond what was stated in our letter of September 22. We anticipate sending you a final response within 90 days or by March 14, 2016. We will let you know if additional time beyond this is needed.

Thank you. We appreciate your patience.

Sincerely,

Alan D. Thornhill

Director

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