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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](http://www.usgs.gov/info_qual/conservation_buffer_distance_estimates_greater_sage-grouse.html).

This letter is to inform you that we need to further extend the time for responding to your request than what was indicated in our December 14, 2015 letter. We anticipate sending you a final response within 90 days. We will let you know if additional time beyond this is needed.

Thank you. We appreciate your patience.

Sincerely,

Alan D. Thornhill

Director

USGS Office of Science Quality and Integrity