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Dear Mr. Holsinger:

This acknowledges U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) receipt of the September 14, 2015, email from Luci Stremme of your law firm, submitted on behalf of various Petitioners pursuant to the Data Quality Act, also referred to as the Information, Quality Act (IQA). The IQA request for information correction challenge cites USGS Open-File Report 2014-1239: *Conservation Buffer Distance Estimates for Greater Sage-Grouse—A Review*.

We will be following the USGS guidelines at [http://www.usgs.gov/info\\_qual](http://www.usgs.gov/info_qual) to evaluate the request and within 90 calendar days of its receipt, you will be notified of our response. We will inform you if additional time beyond the 90 days is needed to respond.

Sincerely,

Alan D. Thornhill  
Director

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