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Dear Mr. Moosey:

On behalf of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), I want to thank you for taking the time to meet with our Principal Deputy Director, Ms. Margaret Everson and for your willingness to share your perspective on the importance of the Mat-Su Basin Salmon Habitat Partnership.

Ms. Everson has a particular interest in partnerships and the role of collaborative efforts in advancing the mission of the Service and the priorities of the Department of Interior. Your participation helped convey the important story of the Mat-Su Basin Habitat Partnership to Ms. Everson and how collaborative conservation and the use of science-based approaches can be effective in maintaining and restoring salmon habitat.

The accomplishments of the Mat-Su Basin Habitat Partnership are truly remarkable and Ms. Everson was very impressed with the diversity and commitment of the organizations involved in the partnership. Thank you again for providing a great experience for Ms. Everson and for your efforts to conserve and restore salmon habitat in the Mat-Su Valley.

I also appreciate the opportunity to learn more about the work of the Mat-Su Basin Habitat Partnership and very much enjoyed hearing the many perspectives and seeing firsthand, the outcome of our efforts. We are proud to work with you to sustain the ecological and economic values salmon bring to the Mat-Su Region and the State of Alaska.

Sincerely;



Gregory E. Siekaniec
Regional Director

Matanuska Susitna Borough

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