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William Conrad, Secretary, Coordinating Committee
Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan
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Dear Mr. Conrad:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) received the annual report for the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan (BCCP) on January 31, 2014. The BCCP is required to provide to the Service each year a report of its activities for the prior fiscal year according to the terms and conditions of permit TE-788841-2 issued to both the City of Austin and Travis County. We have reviewed the annual report for compliance with the terms of your permit.

I want to thank the BCCP permittees for providing us with the report. I especially want to thank the BCCP for its commitment to public education and outreach. Through your volunteers and outreach programs, you are informing the public about the conservation of threatened and endangered species, and providing information on topics like reducing the risk of fire in the wildland urban interface. These are important issues in our community.

A lot of progress has been made in 17 years since the permit was issued. I and my staff look forward to continuing to work with the BCCP to complete remaining mitigation requirements of the permit, such as the protection of caves. Please contact me or Tanya Sommer if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Adam Zerrenner
Field Supervisor

cc: Wendy Connally, Natural Resources Program Manager
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