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Bob Sallinger  
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Dear Mr. Sallinger:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns relative to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Double-crested Cormorant management activities on East Sand Island.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service works with partners to conserve and manage migratory birds at flyway scales. We strive to achieve science-based management of populations and habitats.

Through the monitoring efforts associated with the project's permit, we are aware of the current situation on East Sand Island. As described in Section 2.1.3 the Corps' Management Plan and associated FEIS, an adaptive management strategy is being implemented. We are working with the Corps to monitor the situation.

We are committed to bird conservation and science-based management, and we appreciate your perspective. If you have further questions or comments, please contact me at 503-231-6119 or Mike Green at 503-872-2707.

Sincerely,

**Acting**

Regional Director