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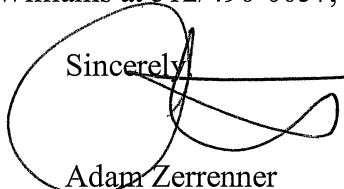
Dear Mr. Shannon:

We received your September 2018 proposal for a preserve within the City of San Antonio's Panther Springs Park located in northwestern Bexar County. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) issued to Bexar County and the City of San Antonio, Texas, an incidental take permit (ITP, TE48571B) on January 18, 2016, for the incidental take of nine endangered species, including two birds and seven karst invertebrates. The Panther Springs preserve would protect at least one of the endangered karst invertebrates covered by your ITP, which would allow the County and City to extend incidental take authorization to eligible participants for impacts to karst invertebrates.

We have reviewed the 91-acre Karst Fauna Area (KFA) proposal and the Management and Monitoring Plan. We believe these documents are sufficient to meet finalization of the Panther Springs KFA for conservation credits. Because this property is already a City-owned park, in accordance with Section 7.2.2 of the Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), only partial (50 percent) credit will be allocated for this KFA. This results in the allocation of 45.5 acres towards the 1,000 acre goal for new karst preserves. As described in Section 7.2.1 of the HCP the percent of the 1,000 acres of habitat preserved (4.6 percent) will allow up to that same percent of acres in karst zones 1 and 2 to be available to participants (471 acres). The preserve must be funded, managed, and monitored in accordance with the HCP, ITP, and management plan and a report of activities on the preserve must be submitted annually in accordance with the HCP and ITP.

We congratulate the County and City on the accomplishment of a preserve as part of the HCP and we appreciate your continued commitment to conserving endangered species. If you have any questions, please contact Christina Williams at 512/490-0057, extension 235.

Sincerely,



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