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Subject:	Devils Gate IM - Least Bells Vireo siting
Date:	Thursday, September 22, 2016 5:10:35 PM
Importance:	High

Thank you, Matt and Bonnie! LACFCD will continue with the IM maintenance activities starting tomorrow with biologist monitoring for LBV. We will notify you once we receive notice from our biologist for any future LBV sighting and obtain advice from all reg agencies.

FMD-EAST and Chambers: pls. proceed with our maintenance activities. Pls. note and comply with the CDFW & COE comments below.

Thank you all and have a great weekend!
Jemellee

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From: Chirdon, Matthew@Wildlife [mailto:Matthew.Chirdon@wildlife.ca.gov]
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Subject: Devils Gate IM - Least Bells Vireo siting

Hi Jemellee,

The description of work you forwarded described by Rainer Globus from FMD's Maintenance Supervisor (Ronald Anderson) indicates that LACDPW would like to start hauling dirt Monday (9/26) with a contractor also coming on-board by Wed. 9/28. I assume this means opening up the road tomorrow or Monday.

In any case (starting using the road Monday, Wed., or tomorrow) the memo that was sent indicated 9/20/16 was the last day surveys were conducted and they did not observe least Bell's vireo. I recommend having a Biologist that is experienced doing LBVI surveys conduct surveys within 500 feet of the work areas immediately prior re-opening the road. The biologist should conduct the survey of all areas within 500 feet of work areas with suitable habitat before initiating work on site and be present daily while the work is being conducted to address any concerns or observations from the foreman or field staff.

I can provide some CDFW guidance on methods to avoid direct impacts and minimize activities that could cause indirect impacts if LBVI are observed again adjacent to the haul road. However, please note while the nesting season is considered complete, the risk for loss of eggs and fledglings is extremely unlikely, the main issue with an LBVI this time of year is it might be a juvenile. Juveniles generally have an under developed risk assessment/rational decision making ability this combined with LBVIs natural characteristics of flying low and darting between shrubs puts them at risk for vehicle strikes.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Jemellee Cruz [mailto:JCRUZ@dpw.lacounty.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2016 2:49 PM
To: Rogers, Bonnie L SPL; Chirdon, Matthew@Wildlife; CarrilloZara, Valerie@Waterboards
Cc: Siyavash Araumi; Ryan Romo; Ron Driggs; Ronald Anderson; pmorrissey@chambersgroupinc.com; Heather Franklin (HFranklin@chambersgroupinc.com); Rainer Globus; Nye, LB@Waterboards; Swenson, Daniel P SPL; Wilson, Erinn@Wildlife; Steven Ross; Heather Franklin (HFranklin@chambersgroupinc.com); pmorrissey@chambersgroupinc.com
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Bonnie, pls. see additional info. below from our foreman and our biologist Our foreman indicated that they need 1 1/2 to 2 weeks, max. to haul sediment that are stockpiled upstream of the Devil's Gate reservoir to the Johnson Field. If approved, they can start next Wednesday, Sept. 28.

Pls. note that our biologist has not observed the LBV since its initial sighting 9/19, a total of 3 days of bio monitoring without LBV sighting. In addition, we are way outside of the nesting bird season for LBVs.

We therefore request your agencies to allow LACFCD to continue this maintenance activity to be completed before the storm season, which starts on October 15.

We'd appreciate your help.

Thank you.
jemellee

-----Original Message-----
From: Rainer Globus
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2016 2:19 PM
To: Jemellee Cruz
Cc: Siyavash Araumi; Ryan Romo; Ron Driggs; Ronald Anderson; pmorrissey@chambersgroupinc.com; Heather Franklin (HFranklin@chambersgroupinc.com)
Subject: Devils Gate IM - Least Bells Vireo siting

Hi Jemellee,

Here is an update regarding the project.

According to Ronald Anderson (Flood Maintenance Supervisor), they are still doing preparation work at the face of the dam. This activity includes cleaning the inlet near the spill way and stock piling sediments. This is being done with the two equipment they already had at the site, prior to the detection of the least Bell's vireo (LBV). Flood Maintenance Crew are able to access the work area through another but smaller access road north of the spillway. According to Ronald Anderson the prep work is almost complete. They are schedule to start hauling sediment to Johnston Field by Monday (if permitted). They also have a contractor for the dump trucks to haul the material from the dam to Johnson Field coming next Wednesday (September 28, 2016). Hauling activities to Johnson Field are being put on hold until proper authorization is granted by United State Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

According to Chambers Group Biologist, Heather Franklin, since the initial sighting of the LBV on September 19, 2016, they have not been able to detect the presence of the LBV at the site during their monitoring on September 20 and 21.

We are hoping that USACE and CDFW will authorize our usage of the main access road since our biologists were not able to detect LBV presence during their last monitoring of the site and since we are currently past the LBV nesting season.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Thank you and have a nice day.

Rainer V. Globus
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-----Original Message-----
From: Rogers, Bonnie L SPL [mailto:Bonnie.L.Rogers@usace.army.mil]
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Subject: RE: Devils Gate IM - Least Bells Vireo siting

Hi Jemellee,

Thank you for your notification. If the access road is blocked is the work currently continuing or paused? Please provide a short email summary of how much work has been completed, the current activities occurring, and proposed additional days needed to completed the work.

Thank you,
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Bonnie L. Rogers
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Please complete our brief customer survey:
http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey

-----Original Message-----
From: Jemellee Cruz [mailto:JCRUZ@dpw.lacounty.gov]
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Devils Gate IM - Least Bells Vireo siting
Importance: High

Good morning. This is a notification that our Chambers Group's qualified biologist observed an individual LBV foraging about 850' from our maintenance area this week. Please see attached report.

The access road is currently blocked for avoidance. Our qualified biologist will continue to monitor our ongoing IM maintenance activities, however, may need your advice.

Thank you.
jemellee

From: Heather Franklin [mailto:hfranklin@chambersgroupinc.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2016 8:13 AM
To: Jemellee Cruz
Cc: Paul Morrissey
Subject: Devils Gate Least Bells Vireo siting

Good Morning Jemellee,

Attached is the memo discussing the least Bell's vireo siting at Devil's Gate. The individual was observed well outside of 500 feet from current work activities; however, the access road which will be utilized to transport the sediment from the removal site to the relocation site is immediately adjacent to where the individual was observed. The access road is currently blocked off for avoidance.

Please let me know how you would like to proceed with work activities out there.

Thank you,

Heather

Heather Franklin |Staff Biologist

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From: Heather Franklin [mailto:hfranklin@chambersgroupinc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 7:13 AM
To: Jemellee Cruz
Cc: Paul Morrissey
Subject: Devils Gate Least Bells Vireo siting

Good morning Jemellee,

I confirmed with our monitor yesterday evening (she was having phone issues and could not contact me earlier in the day) that they did observe a least Bells vireo near the project site. The bird was observed about 300 feet away from work activities near the dam. The crews blocked off the access road near the area the bird was observed for avoidance and the monitor is closely monitoring the area and will request the crew stops work if the bird begins to act stressed or moves closer to work activities.

I will prepare a short memo with the location of the vireo and get that to you shortly. Please let me know if you need any more info or have any questions.

Thank you,

Heather

Sent from my iPhone