



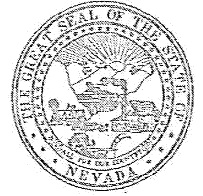
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JoAnne Michael
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RE: Data request received 24 April 2006

Dear Ms. Michael:

We are pleased to provide the information you requested on endangered, threatened, candidate, and/or At Risk plant and animal taxa recorded within or near the TRW Vssi Development Project area. We searched our database and maps for the following, a five kilometer radius around:

Township 18N Range 22E Sections 4-9 and 16-18
Township 19N Range 22E Sections 31 and 32

There are no at risk taxa recorded within the given area. However, habitat may be available for the Margaret's rushy milkvetch, *Astragalus convallarius* var. *margaretiae*, a Taxon determined to be Imperiled by the Nevada Natural Heritage Program. We do not have complete data on various raptors that may also occur in the area; for more information contact Ralph Phenix, Nevada Division of Wildlife at (775) 688-1565. Note that all cacti, yuccas, and Christmas trees are protected by Nevada state law (NRS 527.060-.120), including taxa not tracked by this office.

Please note that our data are dependent on the research and observations of many individuals and organizations, and in most cases are not the result of comprehensive or site-specific field surveys. Natural Heritage reports should never be regarded as final statements on the taxa or areas being considered, nor should they be substituted for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments.

Thank you for checking with our program. Please contact us for additional information or further assistance.

Sincerely,

Eric S. Miskow
Biologist III/Data Manager