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Subject: RE: PIRATE FPPA follow up

Thank you very much, Emily! We will get the signed form over to you ASAP.

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From: Yulga, Emily - FPAC-NRCS, Phoenix, AZ <Emily.Yulga@usda.gov>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] PIRATE FPPA follow up

Hi Maggie,

Thanks for calling about the FPPA request and completing the CPA-106 form today.

Regarding the preferred alternative that you have yet to decide on, if you have progress made on that decision by November of this year, please reach back out with an completed CPA-106 form to us. Also, I figured I would provide you with this guidance on USDA's recommendation when selecting an alternative and completing Part 7, incase you have yet to see it:

Part VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)

The agency will assign a score to each alternative identified by calculating the sum of the relative value of farmland (from Part V) and the total site assessment (from Part VI).

USDA recommends that:

- (1) The sites with the highest combined scores should be regarded as the most suitable for protection while those with the lowest scores should be regarded as the least suitable for protection.

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- (2) If the total score is less than 160, no further consideration for protection is required and no additional sites need to be evaluated.
- (3) If the total score is 160 or more, additional sites should be evaluated and sites with higher values should be given greater consideration for protection. For these sites, agency personnel should consider:
 - (a) Use of land that is not farmland or use of existing structures.
 - (b) Alternative sites, locations, or designs that would serve the proposed purpose but convert either fewer acres of farmland or convert other farmland that has a lower relative value.
 - (c) Special siting requirements of the proposed project and the extent to which the alternative site(s) fails to satisfy the special siting requirements as well as the originally selected site.

Regarding the part 7 signature, that section is supposed to be completed by the involved federal agency. However, oftentimes we receive FPPA requests in which the signature came from the consulting company or entity, as they often are processing the form, and that is better than not having a returned completed form at all.

Thank you! Please feel free to reach back out with any more questions.

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