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Subject: Notice Regarding APHIS-Wildlife Service's Reliance on the 1994 Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement ("PEIS") and 1995 Record of Decision.

In the 21 years since the PEIS Record of Decision was issued, APHIS-Wildlife Services has initiated the phase out of any reliance on the 1994 PEIS. Today, most of APHIS-Wildlife Services National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") documents are not tiered to the PEIS. No new APHIS-Wildlife Services NEPA documents signed after the date of this Notice will be tiered to the 1994 PEIS. In the future, APHIS-Wildlife Services intends to revise or redo all of its NEPA documents that are currently tiered to the 1994 PEIS.