October 14, 2014

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Re: Proposed Rule by FWS on 08/15/2014 "Designation of Critical Habitat for the Western Continental United States Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of the Yellow-billed Cuckoo"
ID: FWS-R8-ES-2013-0011-0001

SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY VIA REGULATIONS.GOV

The Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners hereby requests that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service extend the comment period for the proposed action referenced above.

The proposed action would impact many counties in western Colorado including a portion of Gunnison County. We believe that additional time is necessary for our county, as well as our neighboring counties to conduct local analysis of the proposed habitat including utilization by the Western Yellow-billed Cuckoo.

Given the complexity and extent of the proposed critical habitat, we request a minimum of ninety (90) days for the requested extension.

Respectfully,

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