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See FWS comments on surveys.

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**From:** Rafael\_Gonzalez@fws.gov [[mailto:Rafael\\_Gonzalez@fws.gov](mailto:Rafael_Gonzalez@fws.gov)]  
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**Subject:** Via Verde field study reports

Dear Mr. Pagán:

These are our preliminary comments on the field studies report of the endangered species; Puerto Rican nightjar, Puerto Rican parrot, broad-winged and sharp-shine hawks, Puerto Rican crested toad, and Coqui Llanero you submit to us on March 12 and 13, 2011.

Puerto Rican crested toad and Coqui Llanero field studies:

1. Surveys for the Puerto Rican crested toad were conducted during the period of least activity of the species (e.g., November-January), surveys should be conducted during the time of the year when the species is more active, which coincides with the raining season or during copious raining event.
2. The reports do not inform time of the day and for how long the surveys took place for both species.

Puerto Rican Parrot field study:

1. This field study was not designed for Puerto Rican parrot detection. The study is missing a period of high activity for the Puerto Rican parrot (e.i., the afternoon) and observation points at key strategic areas.

2. Information provided is not sufficient to make a determination of presence or absence of the species in the area.

Broad-winged and sharp-shinned hawk field study:

1. Currently no comments

Puerto Rican nightjar field study:

1. Currently no comments

Endangered plants:

1. No report submitted

We have received the new alignment from the USACOE and we are currently evaluating it. We are going to evaluate how the new alignment relates to the surveyed areas.

In addition, remember you can use the Biological Assessment (BA) from Gasoducto del Sur and Rio Valenciano dam as a guideline for Via Verde BA.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. If you have any question, please don't hesitate to contact me at 787-851-7297 extension 214.

Best Regards,

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