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File Code: 2600

Date: 20 August 1997

Attn: Ella Sorensen

Utah Ornithological Society

Bird Records

3868 Marsha Drive

West Valley City, UT 84120

Dear Ella:

I have been meaning to send this record in for some time, but the field season and the paper work crunch are relentless. My apologies.

Last winter I had a number of wildlife seasonals survey the high elevation spruce/fir stands on the Heber and Kamas Ranger Districts for owls. We located two positive boreal responses and a possible great gray. This picture of a boreal was taken in June of this year.

It may also be of interest that Dan Arling, the Forest Service biologist at Logan/Ogden, has located boreals during winter surveys for several years. Across the border on the Evanston Ranger District, Tracy Abelson has located what is probably the same boreal the past two winters.

I hope the general location information of just the Heber Ranger District will be specific enough for your records. As is often the case, a few irresponsible rascals have ruined it for the general public and I no longer give out locations of Threatened, Endangered or, in this case Sensitive species. Due to issues associated with the Freedom of Information Act I no longer even record GIS locations in my own files. Again I hope that just the general location of the Heber Ranger District will be adequate for you files.

The bird was located by several personnel on our survey team & the photo was by yet another, so the location should probably just be attributed to the Heber Ranger District, Uinta National Forest. Continued success to you and the Records Committee. Give me a call if you need further information on the bird or sighting. I can be reached at the Heber Ranger District (801) 342-5200.

Sincerely,

DAVE STRICKLAN Wildife Biologist

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2-1997 Bored Owl



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