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Thanks, Jim. CDFW is going to touch bases with USFWS and then we will report back

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Hi all---thanks for getting together once again. So we can focus on outcomes, we'd like to get an indication of acceptability of the Empire Ranch mitigation site from the agencies by November 8<sup>th</sup>, about two weeks from now. We aren't looking for anything more than that---we don't want to have our hands tied with a ringing endorsement of any property, but we need to know we are going in the right direction.

Attached is a photomontage of the border area where the fence is missing. It is the area between the two vertical black/orange lines, just to the east of the Boundary Peak landform, the eastern flank of which you can see to the lower left in the photo (it is within Property 1, which is another of the mitigation sites we have been looking at. You'll note it is pretty wide, about 3km. The idea would be to retain the connection with the Empire Ranch and Mexico by focusing on this linkage area as part of the Nature Conservancy's *Las Californias* plan. This is something that we have also been working on with Sempra in Mexico.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thanks, JIMW