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LETTER DISCUSSING SNAKE REMOVAL PROJECT AT NAVY LAKE COMPLEX  
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Dear Mr. Sipowich:

Wildlife Services has completed the snake removal project at the Navy Lake complex. As outlined in our Work Plan, surveys were taken to determine the species and numbers of snakes at the complex. In advance of the surveys, plywood sheets were placed at strategic locations around the lakes in an effort to provide additional shelter for snakes and aid in gathering survey data. Surveys were conducted on July 20 – 21, July 26 and July 27. Time periods for the surveys included mid-day, evening, night, and early morning. During the surveys a total of nine snakes were observed on the three lakes. With the exception of one snake, all snakes were identified as non-venomous water snakes. One snake was reported to be a venomous cottonmouth.

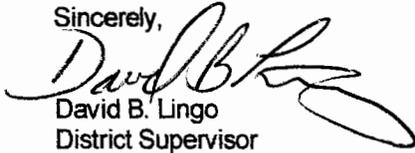
Wildlife Services personnel conducted a snake capture project on July 29. All three lakes were surveyed and two snakes were seen and captured. One snake was a non-venomous banded water snake and the other was a non-venomous diamondback water snake. These were the only snakes observed during a five hour period on the lakes.

At the completion of the capture project on July 29, one individual working at the lake reported having been "chased" by four copperhead snakes during our visit. This happened on Navy Lake, where we observed no snakes during the capture project. As stated earlier, WS personnel saw only one venomous snake during the survey period, and it was not a copperhead.

On August 12 WS personnel removed the plywood sheets from the area. During that time one juvenile black racer (non-venomous) was captured and removed.

If you have any questions, or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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District Supervisor



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