CONSERVATION AGREEMENT

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (Region 6) hereby states its intent and commitment to assist with and participate in the implementation of the Conservation Plan for the Management and Recovery of the Southern Rocky Mountain Population of the Boreal Toad, as prepared by the interagency Boreal Toad Recovery Team. Specific commitments made hereby are as follows:

- 1. To provide funding through the ESA Section 6 process to the Recovery Team and/or involved states for implementation of the Conservation Plan.
- 2. To provide a representative to the interagency Boreal Toad Recovery Team.
- To review and provide comments during informal consultation under authority of section 7 of the Endangered Species Act for any projects federally authorized, funded, or carried out that may impact the boreal toad, and under authority of the Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act, on projects requiring a Clean Water Act section 404 permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, or on water developments created by the Bureau of Reclamation or by private water development projects regulated under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- 4. To use the Service's authority to protect boreal toads from land and water altering activities on Service lands that may harbor the boreal toad.

Performance of all activities described above is contingent on adequate funds being made available and allocated to the signatory agency. This agreement shall not prohibit the signatory agency from engaging in management actions regarding boreal toad conservation beyond those described in this agreement and in the Conservation Plan. Such management actions should be coordinated with the Boreal Toad Recovery Team.

This agreement shall become effective on the date of signature by the participating party, and shall remain in effect until the signatory party chooses to terminate the agreement, or the agreement is terminated by consent of the Boreal Toad Recovery Team. Either the signatory party or the Boreal Toad Recovery Team may terminate the agreement by providing 90 days written notification to the other party.

Ralph Morgenweck, Regional Director U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Region 6

Date