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 18 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 19 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

20 RIDGE TOP RANCH, LLC, ) CASE NO: 2:13-cv-02462-LKK-CKD  
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 22 Plaintiff, )  
 23 v. ) **STIPULATION AND ORDER TO**  
 ) **EXTEND THE RESPONSIVE PLEADING**  
 24 UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE ) **DEADLINE**  
 SERVICE; and DANIEL M. ASHE, in his )  
 25 official capacity as DIRECTOR, UNITED )  
 26 STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE )  
 SERVICE, )  
 27 )  
 Defendants. )  
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STIPULATION TO EXTEND RESP. PLDG. DEADLINE  
 NO. 2:13-cv-02462-LKK-CKD

1 Plaintiff and Federal Defendants, by and through counsel, hereby STIPULATE as follows:

2 1. The Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief was filed on November 26,  
3 2013 and served on the United States Attorney's Office the same day.

4 2. The initial responsive pleading deadline was January 27, 2014.

5 3. On January 22, 2014, due to the pending motion for preliminary injunction, the  
6 parties invoked the stipulated extension of time available under Local Rule 144(a) to respond to  
7 a complaint, extending the responsive pleading deadline to February 24, 2014.

8 4. After that extension of time, the Court moved the hearing on the motion for  
9 preliminary injunction to February 21, 2014.

10 5. The parties agree that the February 21, 2014 hearing may inform future  
11 proceedings in the case and judicial efficiency would be better served by a second extension of  
12 the responsive pleading deadline.

13 6. As noted in Plaintiff's initial status report filed February 10, 2014, after the  
14 February 21, 2014 hearing Plaintiff may (or may not) file an amended complaint.

15 7. Accordingly, the parties propose that the responsive pleading deadline be  
16 extended until the earlier of: (1) twenty-eight (28) days after the Court's ruling on the motion for  
17 preliminary injunction or (2) twenty-eight (28) days from the filing of any amended complaint,  
18 should the amended complaint be filed after the February 21, 2014 hearing. If granted, the  
19 extension would not prejudice Federal Defendants from responding sooner, should the  
20 circumstances so dictate.

21 8. If granted, this would be the second extension of time in this case.

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23 Respectfully submitted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014,

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29 IT IS SO ORDERED.

30 Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

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32 LAWRENCE K. KARLTON  
33 SENIOR JUDGE  
34 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 I hereby certify that on the 12th day of February, 2014, I filed a true and correct copy of the  
3 foregoing document with the Court' CM/ECF system, which will generate a Notice of Filing on  
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