**Reminder email to State and Tribe American Ginseng Program Coordinators regarding Biology Working Group Questionnaire**

Dear State and Tribe American Ginseng Coordinators,

We recently sent you a questionnaire concerning monitoring ginseng in your State or Tribe. As yet, we have not received your response. Because we value your input, please respond to the brief questionnaire (attached) by January 5, 2018.

Please return the questionnaire to me (patricia\_ford@fws.gov).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Melissa Moser (see contact info below) or I.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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**Estimated Burden Statement:** We estimate it will take you 13 minutes to complete the questionnaire, including time to read instructions, gather information, and complete and submit the questionnaire. You may submit comments on any aspect of this information collection to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: BPHC, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803. Please do not send your survey to this address.