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Consultation Code: 03E13000-2016-SLI-0182

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Event Code: 03E13000-2016-E-00292

Project Name: BNSF Rail Line Abandonment AB 6 (Sub-No. 493X)

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location, and/or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

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The attached species list identifies any federally threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project or may be affected by your proposed project. The list also includes designated critical habitat if present within your proposed project area or affected by your project. This list is provided to you as the initial step of the consultation process required under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act, also referred to as Section 7 Consultation.

Please note! For all wind energy projects and projects that include installing towers that use guy wires or are over 200 feet in height, please contact this field office directly for assistance, even if no federally listed plants, animals or critical habitat are present within your proposed project or may be affected by your proposed project.

For all other projects, continue the Section 7 Consultation process by going to our Section 7 Technical Assistance website at

<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/section7/s7process/index.html>. If you are familiar with this website, you may want to go to Step 2 of the Section 7 Consultation process at <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/section7/s7process/step2.html>.

Under 50 CFR 402.12(e) (the regulations that implement Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act) the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally. You may verify the list by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website <http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/> at regular intervals during project planning and implementation and

completing the same process you used to receive the attached list. As an alternative, you may contact this Ecological Services Field Office for updates.

Although no longer protected under the Endangered Species Act, be aware that bald eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 *et seq.*), as are golden eagles. Projects affecting these species may require measures to avoid harming eagles or may require a permit. If your project is near an eagle nest or winter roost area, see our Eagle Permits website at <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/midwestbird/EaglePermits/index.html> to help you determine if you can avoid impacting eagles or if a permit may be necessary.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment



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Official Species List

Provided by:

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Project Type: ** OTHER **

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Project Description: rail line abandonment

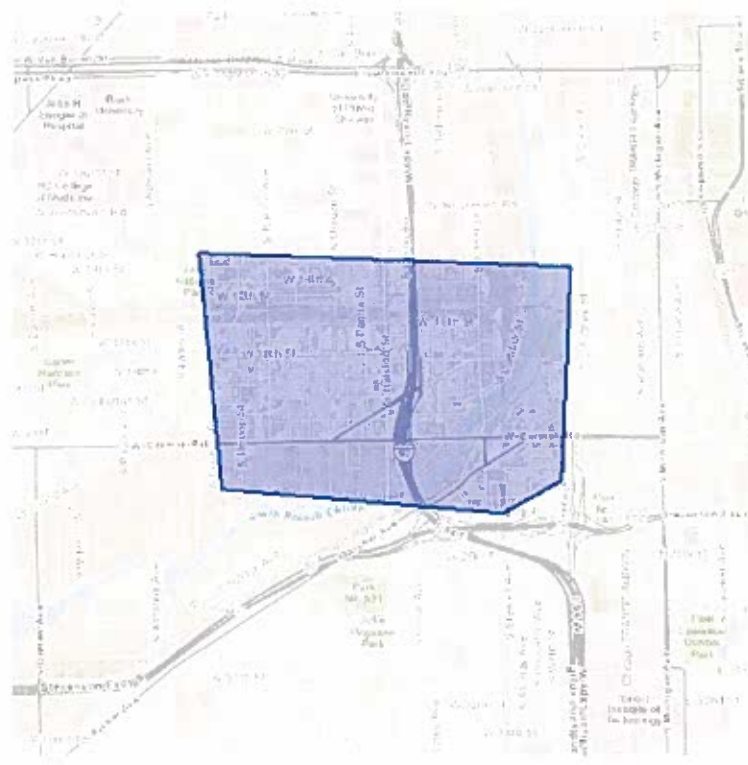
Please Note: The FWS office may have modified the Project Name and/or Project Description, so it may be different from what was submitted in your previous request. If the Consultation Code matches, the FWS considers this to be the same project. Contact the office in the 'Provided by' section of your previous Official Species list if you have any questions or concerns.



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Project Location Map:



Project Coordinates: MULTIPOLYGON (((-87.63141632080078 41.86342467181004, -87.6321029663086 41.850127648557326, -87.63690948486328 41.84808170729204, -87.6602554321289 41.8496161693754, -87.66231536865234 41.864191723415736, -87.63141632080078 41.86342467181004)))

Project Counties: Cook, IL



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Endangered Species Act Species List

There are a total of 10 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on your species list. Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species. Critical habitats listed under the **Has Critical Habitat** column may or may not lie within your project area. See the **Critical habitats within your project area** section further below for critical habitat that lies within your project. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

Birds	Status	Has Critical Habitat	Condition(s)
Piping Plover (<i>Charadrius melodus</i>) Population: Great Lakes watershed	Endangered		
Red Knot (<i>Calidris canutus rufa</i>)	Threatened		
Flowering Plants			
Eastern Prairie Fringed orchid (<i>Platanthera leucophaea</i>)	Threatened		
Leafy prairie-clover (<i>Dalea foliosa</i>)	Endangered		
Mead's milkweed (<i>Asclepias meadii</i>)	Threatened		
Prairie bush-clover (<i>Lespedeza leptostachya</i>) Population: Entire	Threatened		
Insects			
Hine's Emerald dragonfly (<i>Somatochlora hineana</i>)	Endangered	Final designated	
Rattlesnake-Master Borer moth (<i>Papaipema eryngii</i>)	Candidate		
Mammals			



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Northern long-eared Bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>)	Threatened		
Reptiles			
eastern Massasauga (<i>Sistrurus catenatus</i>)	Proposed Threatened		



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Critical habitats that lie within your project area

There are no critical habitats within your project area.

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BNSF Rail Line Abandonment AB 6 (Sub-No. 493X) Cook County, Illinois



This project potentially impacts **33 resources** managed or regulated by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Tasks



Review potentially impacted resources

To see endangered species, migratory birds, wetlands, or refuges which may be impacted by this project

This project could impact:

- 10 endangered species
- 22 migratory birds
- Known wetlands

View the complete [resource list](#) to see more information.

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Request an official species list

To receive an official letter and species list from the Chicago Ecological Service Field Office

✓ List delivered

An [official species list](#) was generated 3 days ago (Friday, June 24,

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Request an updated list from the page.

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Analyze the impacts of your project

Provide additional details and get recommended conservation measures for your project

There are no species in your project area with conservation measure recommendations available. Please contact the local U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service office to review impacts for this project.

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