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Project: CSX Transportation Abandonment Exemption, Greenbrier and Nicholas Counties, WV

Date of Letter Request: July 12, 2017

This is in response to your letter requesting threatened and endangered species information in regard to the proposed project listed above. These comments are provided pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (ESA, 87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U. S. C. 1531 *et seq.*).

We have made a “no effect” determination that the project will not affect federally listed endangered or threatened species. Therefore no biological assessment or further section 7 consultation under the ESA is required with the Fish and Wildlife Service. Should project plans change or amendments be proposed that we have not considered in your proposed action, or if additional information on listed and proposed species becomes available, or if new species become listed or critical habitat is designated, this determination may be reconsidered.

Definitive determinations of the presences of waters of the United States, including wetlands, in the project area and the need for permits, if any, are made by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. They may be contacted at Huntington District, Regulatory Branch, 502 Eighth Street, Huntington, West Virginia, 25701, telephone (304) 399-5710.

Amanda Selmer 7/26/2017
Reviewer's signature and date

John E. Schmitt 7/27/2017
Field Supervisor's signature and date