

From: [Reed, Marissa](#)
To: [Pineda, Christine](#)
Subject: [External_Sender] Re: REQUEST FOR UPDATED INFORMATION RE: THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES AND CRITICAL HABITAT FOR THE JEFFERSON PROVING GROUND SITE
Date: Tuesday, November 07, 2017 9:16:02 AM

Christine,

We received the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's email requesting information on federally listed species or critical habitat present in the JPG area. This request is related to the NRC's development of an environmental assessment for a proposed amendment to the Army's license.

JPG is within the range of the federally endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), sheepsnose mussel (*Plethobasus cyphus*), running buffalo clover (*Trifolium stoloniferum*), and the federally threatened northern long-eared bat (*M. septentrionalis*). The sheepsnose mussel is limited to Ohio River. The running buffalo clover is found in disturbed bottomlands and is not known to occur at the site. Extensive mist-net surveys were conducted between 1992 and 2007, capturing Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats at twelve sites within the JPG area. There is no critical habitat for any listed species present in the JPG area.

This endangered species information is provided for technical assistance only, and does not fulfill the requirements of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

Regards,
Marissa

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On Mon, Nov 6, 2017 at 1:21 PM, Pineda, Christine <Christine.Pineda@nrc.gov> wrote:

Hello Ms. Reed,

In February 2015, you replied to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) request for information regarding threatened and endangered species and critical habitat on or near the former Jefferson Proving Ground (JPG) munitions testing site in Southeast Indiana near Madison, Indiana. The NRC's request, dated February 18, 2015, and your response, dated February 20, 2015, are attached to this email for your reference. The NRC is in the process of developing a draft environmental assessment for a proposed amendment to the Army's license. We request an update to the information you originally provided on February 19, 2014, regarding listed species and critical habitats in the JPG area (also attached). After assessing any new information you provide, the NRC staff will determine what additional actions are necessary to comply with the Section 7 consultation process.

Please send your response to me at Christine.pineda@nrc.gov. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me by email or by phone at 301-415-6789. Thank you.

Regards,

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