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Re: FWS Log No. 2015-CPA-0758

Dear Ms. Gray,

This letter is in reference to our conference call on April 2, 2015, concerning surveys for the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) within the proposed Indian Creek reservoir project area in Carroll County, Georgia. The purpose of the call was to discuss specific areas where bat mist net and acoustic surveys should be conducted within the proposed project site. Eco-Tech Consultants, who also took part in the conference call, would be writing up the study plan and conducting the bat surveys. The Service received a copy of the Study Plan for the Bat Mist Net and Acoustic Survey for the Proposed Indian Creek Water Supply Reservoir on April 14, 2015. The study plan was reviewed by Pete Pattavina in our Athens office on April 16, 2015. Mr. Pattavina concurred with the study plan with no suggestions or modifications. Eco-Tech would conduct the first surveys in June of 2015 even though actual construction may not begin for several years. Bat survey results are good for only a two year time period. If construction has not started before the two year time period ends, a new survey should be conducted prior to the beginning of any construction activities. A new survey is not required every two years regardless of when construction begins however. Therefore, the applicant is not responsible for conducting bat surveys every two years from the starting point of June, 2015, if construction does not begin for several years. The applicant is only responsible for conducting an additional bat survey prior to construction activities if the initial June 2015 survey has expired.

We recommend the applicant contact our office before any future bat surveys are conducted to insure up-to-date survey methodologies are followed. If you have further questions or require additional information, please contact Sandy Abbott of the West Georgia Sub Office at (706) 544-7518.

Sincerely,

  
for Donald Imm  
Field Supervisor