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That is correct – there are no known roost sites or hibernacula for the NLEB in the Waukesha Bypass project area, so there would be no concerns.
I read Charlie Webb's note from MN and sounds like they are getting different advise from FWS than we are, they have indicated no tree clear cutting from Jun1 to July 31 (during the pup season) according to the 4d rule in effect for the NLEB.
Either way it does not matter for the West Waukesha Bypass Project since there are no maternity roosts near the project area.

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I have concluded that Northern long eared bats have not been reported in DNRs NHI data base in the proposed West Waukesha Bypass area. According to my project specific and expanded buffer search, northern long eared bats have NOT been reported in the proposed West Waukesha Bypass selected prefered route.

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I talked to Scott Lee and the current guidance is as follows:

1. Review the USFWS Section 7 website for any federally listed T&E species. http://www.fws.gov/midwest/Endangered/section7/s7process/index.html
2. Coordinate through your region WDNR liaison on any concerns with the NLEB and if there are no concerns use their email or correspondence as final documentation.

Attached is the guidance developed with WisDOT, WDNR, USFWS and FHWA.

Craig, I guess we'll be waiting to hear back from you on concerns with the NLEB in the project area.

Thanks, Doug

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I was on a conf call earlier this week with US Fish and Wildlife Service to discuss the Northern Long Eared bat (NLEB) for a project in MN.

Each project is different but from what I can tell the key thing step to avoid NLEB impacts is to avoid removing any trees over 3 inches in diameter (3 inch dbh) between April 1 and Sept 30. If a project makes that commitment it appears that FWS will not require formal consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (which can be lengthy). On my MN project FWS indicated they would concur with a "no adverse effect" determination if the tree cutting restrictions were agreed to.

It is big stands of trees that FWS is most concerned about.

I will try to join you Tuesday to discuss this.

Thanks,
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