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# 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:

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.

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 requires that actions authorized, funded, or carried out by Federal agencies not jeopardize federally threatened or endangered species or adversely modify designated critical habitat. To fulfill this mandate, Federal agencies (or their designated non-federal representative) must consult with the Service if they determine their project "may affect" listed species or critical habitat.

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 <u>http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/</u> 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.

Please use the species list provided and visit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Region 3 Section 7 Technical Assistance website at - <u>http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/section7/</u> <u>s7process/index.html</u>. This website contains step-by-step instructions which will help you determine if your project will have an adverse effect on listed species and will help lead you through the Section 7 process. For all **wind energy projects** and **projects that include installing towers that use guy wires or are over 200 feet in height** (*e.g.*, **communication towers**), 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.

Guidance for minimizing impacts to migratory birds for projects including communications towers (e.g., cellular, digital television, radio, and emergency broadcast) can be found at: http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/towers.htm; http://www.towerkill.com; and http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/corre

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.*) and Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 *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 <u>http://www.fws.gov/midwest/</u><u>midwestbird/EaglePermits/index.html</u> 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. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. 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(s):

Official Species List

## **Official Species List**

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

#### **Green Bay Ecological Services Field Office**

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### **Project Summary**

Consultation Code: 03E17000-2018-SLI-0411 Event Code<sup>.</sup> 03E17000-2018-E-00958 Project Name: STH 35 - STH 24 (STH 35 - TETER LANE), CTH N, CRAWFORD COUNTY Project Type: TRANSPORTATION Project Description: The Crawford County Highway Department is in the process of developing roadway plans for the reconstruction of approximately 1.49 miles of CTH N. The project is located on CTH N from STH 35 to Teter lane in Sections 31 and 32, T8N, R6W, and Section 36, T8N, R7W, Town of Eastman, Crawford County. The project begins at the STH 35/CTH N intersection and continues 1.49 miles east ending 1,300 feet east of the Demanes Lane/Slama Lane/CTH N intersection. The project proses a rural reconstruction of CTH N. The horizontal and vertical alignments will be realigned to meet current design standards. Steep grades will be reduced to improve the safety of travel throughout the corridor. Curb and gutter and ditching will be added along the north side of CTH N to improve drainage. The replacement culvert pipes and addition of storm sewer in areas of curb and gutter will also add to the drainage improvements on the project. Construction is scheduled for the 2019 construction season.

#### Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <u>https://www.google.com/maps/place/43.12421306634262N91.11705423594182W</u>



Counties: Crawford, WI