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Rhett Good
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Dear Rhett Good:

I am responding to your request for information on the endangered, threatened, or rare (ETR) species, high quality natural communities, and natural areas documented from a project, wind energy project area, Benton and Warren Counties, Indiana. The Indiana Natural Heritage Data Center has been checked and included you will find information on the ETR species and protected areas documented near the proposed project area.

For more information on the animal species mentioned, please contact Christie Stanifer, Environmental Coordinator, Division of Fish and Wildlife, 402 W. Washington Room W273, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, (317)232-8163.

The information I am providing does not preclude the requirement for further consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973. If you have concerns about potential Endangered Species Act issues you should contact the Service at their Bloomington, Indiana office.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
620 South Walker St.
Bloomington, Indiana 47403-2121
812-334-4261

At some point, you may need to contact the Department of Natural Resources' Environmental Review Coordinator so that other divisions within the department have the opportunity to review your proposal.

For more information, please contact:

Department of Natural Resources
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Please note that the Indiana Natural Heritage Data Center relies on the observations of many individuals for our data. In most cases, the information is not the result of comprehensive field surveys conducted at particular sites. Therefore, our statement that there are no documented significant natural features at a site should not be interpreted to mean that the site does not support special plants or animals.

Due to the dynamic nature and sensitivity of the data, this information should not be used for any project other than that for which it was originally intended. It may be necessary for you to request updated material from us in order to base your planning decisions on the most current information.

Thank you for contacting the Indiana Natural Heritage Data Center. You may reach me at (317)232-8059 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Ronald P. Hellmich

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Indiana Natural Heritage Data Center

Enclosure: ETR species shapefile
Protected areas shapefile
Indiana Wind Sensitive Areas shapefile