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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Federal Project BR-0144(003)D
State Project S308-4/5-2.95 00
Camp Creek Truss Bridge
Replacement
Clay County
Section 7 – Formal Consultation

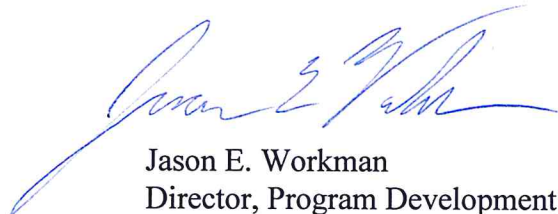
John Schmidt
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West Virginia Field Office
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Elkins, West Virginia 26241

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the West Virginia Division of Highways, has completed review of the draft biological opinion (BO) with the revisions we requested by email message on June 22, 2015 for the above referenced project. As stated in the aforementioned letter, we concur with the analysis and conclusion and agree to implement the reasonable and prudent measures.

In order to conclude Section 7 consultation on this project, FHWA requests the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to confirm the draft BO as the final BO. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Alison Rogers at (304) 347-5436 or via e-mail at alison.rogers@dot.gov.

Sincerely yours,



Jason E. Workman
Director, Program Development



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July 7, 2015

Mr. Jason Workman
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Re: West Virginia Division of Highways, Camp Creek Bridge Replacement Project, Clay County,
West Virginia, Formal Consultation

Dear Mr. Workman:

On July 6, 2015, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) received your June 29, 2015, letter requesting that we confirm the June 22, 2015, draft Biological Opinion (BO) on the Camp Creek bridge replacement project in Clay County, West Virginia, as the final BO. This letter serves to confirm that request. As a result, no further section 7 consultation on that project is required unless the reinitiation criteria are met, project plans change, or if additional information on listed and proposed species becomes available, or new species become listed or critical habitat is designated. It should also be noted that the terms and conditions of this BO should be incorporated into any U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permits that may be issued for this project. Please provide a copy of the final BO to the West Virginia Department of Highways and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources within ten days.

The Service will continue to coordinate with your office throughout the final planning and construction phases of this project, and appreciates the cooperative efforts that have been expended to fulfill our mutual responsibilities under the ESA. If you have any questions or concerns about this consultation or the consultation process in general, please feel free to contact Liz Stout at elizabeth_stout@fws.gov or at 304-636-6586 Ext. 15 or at the letterhead address.

Sincerely,

John E. Schmidt
Field Supervisor