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From: Markuson, Jeremy <jeremy_markuson@fws.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 8:31 AM
To: McEvoy, Kim
Cc: Hall, Mackenzie
Subject: Re: Latest guidance for bats

Hi Kim,

I have reviewed the January 29, 2016 guidance document provided by MacKenzie. The guidance document will be used by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for reviewing U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded projects that may affect the federally listed northern long-eared bat (threatened) (*Myotis septentrionalis*) and Indiana bat (endangered) (*Myotis sodalis*). These projects specifically involve the demolition, renovation, and/or elevation of structures damaged by Hurricane Sandy. I concur with the use of the guidance document for determining "no effect" or "not likely to adversely affect" conclusions. I also concur that the guidance document follows the northern long-eared bat final 4(d) rule. Please use the steps and procedures identified in the guidance document for any Hurricane Sandy related projects that may impact these federally listed species.

Thanks,

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On Mon, Feb 1, 2016 at 1:09 PM, Hall, Mackenzie <Mackenzie.Hall@dep.nj.gov> wrote:

Hi Jeremy,

Kim McEvoy & the staff at Sandy Recovery EHP are ready to start applying the latest guidance for avoiding impact to listed bats. These are the guidance that you & I finalized last week (attached; I did remove the word "final," just in case!). For everybody's record, can you please confirm that you concur with the guidance?

Thanks!

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