

Bellflower Solar Project IDNR and USFWS Project Introduction

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Attendees: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Marissa Reed
Indiana Department of Natural Resources: Matt Smedley
Lightsource BP: Alyssa Edwards, Jessie Audette, Mike Reed
Stantec Consulting: Courtney Dohoney

After a round of introductions with all attendees, Alyssa, Jessie, Mike, and Courtney provided an overview of the Bellflower Solar Project, located in Henry and Rush counties, Indiana (Project), the environmental work completed to date, a threatened and endangered species review, and a discussion of next steps as part of the Project. A summary of the discussion is provided below.

Project Development

The Project footprint will utilize approximately 850 acres of the approximately 1,350-acre Project area for the 150 megawatt project.

Environmental Surveys

A critical issues analysis was completed for the project which found that the area was largely compatible with a solar energy facility given the current row crop agriculture land use that comprises approximately 92% of the Project area, limited presence of streams and wetlands, and lack of nature preserves, wildlife areas, parks, and National Register of Historic Places structures within the Project area or 1-mile radius.

Wetland and stream delineation surveys were completed in September 2019 to verify field conditions. The surveys identified seven streams, totaling approximately 3,026 linear feet and seven wetlands, totaling approximately 4.5 acres.

Threatened and Endangered Species Assessment

Within the CIA, Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat were identified within the IPaC review as potentially present within the Project area. In addition, the IDNR county lists included 20 state-listed threatened or endangered (T/E) species present within Henry and Rush Counties.

To obtain more site-specific information on state-listed T/E species, Lightsource BP submitted a request to the Indiana Natural Heritage Data Center to review the Project area. The review only identified the Indiana bat as being recorded within the Project area or a 0.5-mile radius.

Feedback and Next Steps

Alyssa noted that the Project will be minimizing any tree clearing and any clearing that needs to be done will be done outside the summer season in order to limit impacts to Indiana or northern long-eared bats.

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Marissa will check USFWS records for T/E species records within the Project area but felt that if habitat clearing for Indiana and northern long-eared bats was done out of season, then T/E impacts would not likely be an issue.

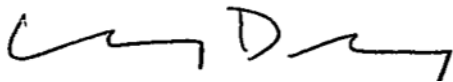
Matt noted that construction in the floodway of any stream that drains more than 1 square mile requires a floodway permit and mitigation if tree loss is greater than 0.1 acres. The floodway permit is in addition to permitting through Indiana Department of Environmental Management for Clean Water Act Section 401 permitting associated with a stream crossing.

Alyssa provided information relating to Lightsource BP's overall development and construction process and adherence to industry best management practices, which includes:

- Developing an Environmental Management Plan for project construction
- Designing projects to avoid and minimize impacts to sensitive natural resources.
- Using previously disturbed land at the project site as much as possible.
- Minimizing security lighting to avoid attracting wildlife.
- Implementing land management plans that create or conserve habitat and promote biodiversity.

The foregoing is considered to be a true and accurate record of all items discussed. If any discrepancies or inconsistencies are noted, please contact the writer immediately.

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