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PNDI Receipt: *project_receipt_patton_township_forest_mg_771069_FINAL_1.pdf*

Re: patton township forest mgt plan
Patton Township; Centre County, Pennsylvania

Dear Clyde,

Thank you for submitting the Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) Environmental Review Receipt *project_receipt_patton_township_forest_mg_771069_FINAL_1.pdf* for review. The Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) screened this project for potential impacts to species and resources of concern under PGC responsibility, which includes birds and mammals only.

Potential Impact Anticipated

PNDI records indicate species or resources of concern are located in the vicinity of the project. The PGC has received and thoroughly reviewed the information that you provided to this office, as well as PNDI data, and has determined that there are no known occurrences of state listed threatened or endangered bird or mammal species associated with your project. However, potential impacts to species of special concern may be associated with your project, and as a result, additional measures are recommended to avoid potential impacts to the species listed below.

Conservation Measure

The following is a species of special concern and, therefore, not a target species for additional surveys:

Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	Pied-billed Grebe

However, because of their ecological significance, the following seasonal restriction is suggested to avoid potential impacts to Pied-bill Grebe:

- All project-related activities within MU's E, G, and H should occur outside of the nesting season between September 1st and April 30th. Work in this area should avoid the period from May 1st and August 31st to the greatest extent practicable.

Additionally, it appears that portions of this project area are located adjacent to **State Game Lands No. 176**. Please contact Mr. Jeffrey Mock, Land Management Supervisor, at 570-398-4744 to discuss the project activities and coordinate obtaining the necessary approvals if your project will impact State Game Lands. It is recommended that you coordinate with Game Commission Staff early in your project planning process.

This response represents the most up-to-date summary of the PNDI data files and is valid for two (2) years from the date of this letter. An absence of recorded information does not necessarily imply actual conditions on site. Should project plans change or additional information on listed or proposed species become available, this determination may be reconsidered.

Should the proposed work continue beyond the period covered by this letter, please resubmit the project to this agency as an "Update" (including an updated PNDI receipt, project narrative and accurate map). If the proposed work has not changed and no additional information concerning listed species is found, the project will be cleared for PNDI requirements under this agency for two additional years.

This finding applies to impacts to birds and mammals only. To complete your review of state and federally-listed threatened and endangered species and species of special concern, please be sure that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and/or the PA Fish and Boat Commission have been contacted regarding this project as directed by the online PNDI ER Tool found at www.naturalheritage.state.pa.us.

Sincerely,



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