

Appendix A. Threatened and Endangered Species

Letter from United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service

Letter from Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation



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Dear Mr. Albright:

This responds to your letter dated February 25, 2002, wherein you requested the Fish and Wildlife Service to provide information regarding federally-listed species that may occur in the area of proposed projects on Army Corps of Engineer land at Skiatook Lake, Osage County, Oklahoma. The proposed projects include a golf course sec. 27 and the W/2 of sec. 26, T. 22 N., R. 11 E.; Cross Timbers Village (including marina) in sec. 26 and 35, T. 22 N., R. 11 E., and sec. 2 and E/2 sec. 3, T. 21 N., R. 11 E.; and a camping/RV area in W/2 sec. 3, E/2 sec. 9, and W/2 sec. 10, T. 21 N., R. 11 E.

We have enclosed the current list of federally-listed, proposed, and candidate species that occur in Osage County. Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act requires that any action authorized, funded, or carried out by a Federal agency be reviewed for the potential to jeopardize the continued existence of any federally listed threatened or endangered species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. It is incumbent on the Federal action agency to make this determination. In the event that a Federal agency determines that its action may affect a listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat, the agency is required to consult with the Service regarding the degree of impact, and measures available to avoid or minimize the adverse effects.

In general fish and wildlife habitat in the Skiatook Lake area consists primarily of cross-timbers upland woods (dominated by post-oak and blackjack oak), bottomland forests (dominated by American elm, cottonwood, sycamore, burr oak, pin oak, shagbark hickory, black walnut, and pecan), and bluestem tall grass prairie (dominated by little bluestem, big bluestem, Indian grass, and switch grass in undisturbed areas; and by sideoats gramma, fall panicum, tall goldenrod, and blue sage in more utilized areas)(U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1995). The area supports a diversity of fish, mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians. We believe valuable wildlife habitat may be lost as a result of project implementation. We recommend that impacts to fish and wildlife resources be evaluated thoroughly, and, if necessary, a mitigation plan be developed cooperatively among the Corps, the Service, and the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation to compensate for any losses.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Richard Stark of this office at 918-581-7458, extension 240.

Sincerely,

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Field Supervisor

Enclosure

cc: Dist. Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Environ. Analysis & Compliance Sec. Tulsa, OK

References

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. 1995. Bird Creek Basin Reconnaissance Study. Tulsa District. Tulsa, Oklahoma. 27 pp.

OKLAHOMA
FEDERALLY LISTED THREATENED OR ENDANGERED SPECIES,
PROPOSED SPECIES, AND CANDIDATE SPECIES,
OSAGE COUNTY
MARCH 2002

COUNTY
Osage

SPECIES
interior least tern
whooping crane
bald eagle
piping plover
mountain plover
Neosho mucket

CLASSIFICATION
Endangered
Endangered
Threatened
Threatened
Proposed Threatened
Candidate

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Dear Mr. Albright,

This responds to your facsimile of March 5, 2002 requesting information regarding the possible presence of state threatened or endangered species as well as any environmental impact for the following:

Project: Golf course, Village, and Marina

Location: Section 26, 27, 35, T21N, R11E, Osage Co., Oklahoma

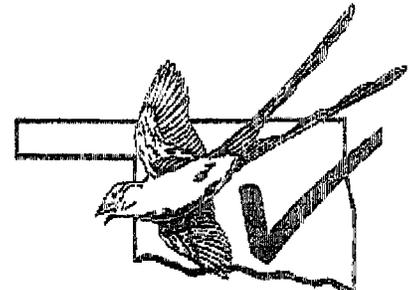
Please understand that due to time and personnel constraints this Department has not conducted an actual field survey of the proposed site. Therefore, we are unable to provide site-specific information. We have reviewed the information provided for this project against our current records of state endangered and threatened species. Our records are compatible with the Oklahoma Natural Heritage Inventory and it appears that no state listed species would be affected.

Please be sure to contact the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Tulsa office (918-581-7458) to determine if any federally-listed species will be affected. For additional information concerning sensitive species, we recommend that you contact the Oklahoma Natural Heritage Inventory, 111 East Chesapeake, Norman, Oklahoma 73019.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If we can be of further assistance, please contact our Natural Resources Section at 405-521-4616.

Sincerely,

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Natural Resources Biologist



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