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Dear Mr. Sutterfield:

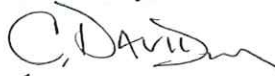
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the information supplied in your letter dated November 24, 2015, regarding the proposed construction of six poultry houses for Jesse Bishop near the city of Pocahontas, Randolph County, Arkansas. Our comments are submitted in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 87 Stat. 884, as amended 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668d).

The Service concurs with your determination that the proposed project may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the Pink Mucket (*Lampsilis abrupta*), Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Pondberry (*Lindera melissifolia*), Scaleshell (*Leptodea leptodon*), Rabbitsfoot (*Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica*), Snuffbox (*Epioblasma triquetra*), Curtis Pearlymussel (*Epioblasma florentina curtisi*), Ozark Hellbender (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis bishopi*), and the Northern Long-eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*).

Please be aware Bald Eagle is not protected under the ESA. Bald Eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 et seq.).

We appreciate your interest in the conservation of endangered species. If you have any questions, please contact the Arkansas Ecological Services Staff at (501) 513-4487.

Sincerely,

  
Melvin Tobin  
Project Leader



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