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June 17, 2015

Mark Holt  
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Dear Mr. Holt:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the information supplied in your letter dated May 8, 2015, regarding the proposed construction of four poultry houses with winter season clearing only for Red Rock Broiler Farm, LLC 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*), Ozark Hellbender (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis bishopi*), Snuffbox (*Epioblasma triquetra*), Curtis Pearlymussel (*Epioblasma florentina curtisi*), 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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**Red Rock Broiler - Fish & Wildlife Service Concurrence Request: 9/15/15**

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Tue, Sep 15, 2015 at 11:28 AM

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Dear Ms. Lombardi,

Pursuant to your correspondence with RiverBank, we wish to inform you of the timing and schedule of tree removal for the Red Rock Broiler Farm, LLC project.

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Taylor of Red Rock were advised of the potential for endangered species on the project site, specifically the Northern Long-eared Bat. In full support of protecting any and all endangered species, the owners of Red Rock delayed ground breaking including tree removal. Please make note that Red Rock has been informed that after October 15<sup>th</sup> of 2015, they may begin the tree removal required to construct the poultry houses. The tree removal will be limited and performed during winter months when the bats are in caves and not extend past the spring date of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Best Regards,

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Tue, Sep 15, 2015 at 11:35 AM

Thank you, Mark. We'll get your concurrence letter to you as soon as we can.

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