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IN REPLY TO

July 29, 2015

Mr. Skelton  
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Dear Mr. Skelton:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the information supplied in your letter dated July 15, regarding the proposed construction of six broiler houses for Nathan Barnett near the city of Cave City in Independence County, Arkansas. Our comments are submitted in accordance with the Endangered Species Act (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 construction may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the Pink Mucket (*Lampsilis abrupta*), Gray Bat (*Myotis grisescens*), Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Running Buffalo Clover (*Trifolium stoloniferum*), Rabbitsfoot (*Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica*), Ozark Hellbender (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis bishopi*), Fat Pocketbook (*Potamilus capax*), Scaleshell (*Leptodea leptodon*), Curtis Pearlymussel (*Epioblasma florentina curtisi*), or 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