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IN REPLY REFER TO:

September 17, 2014

Bryan Dalton
RiverBank Savings and Loan
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Dear Mr. Dalton:

The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) received a request for concurrence from RiverBank Savings and Loan on September 15, 2014 regarding the construction of four poultry houses for S&B Family Farms II near the City of Pocahontas, Randolph County, Arkansas. Our comments are submitted in accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA; 16 U.S.C. 661-667e) and the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

The Service concurs with your determination that the proposed construction of poultry houses may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the Pink Mucket (*Lampsilis abrupta*), Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Pondberry (*Lindera melissifolia*), Scaleshell (*Leptodea leptodon*), Rabbitfoot (*Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica*), Ozark Hellbender (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis bishopi*), Snuffbox (*Epioblasma triquetra*), Curtis Pearlymussel (*Epioblasma forentina curtisi*), and proposed endangered 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.). The Service concurs the proposed project will not affect Bald Eagle.

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,


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Project Leader

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