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RE: Amtrak Connecticut River Bridge Replacement Old Saybrook and Old Lyme CT., Email Part 1

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Mon, Oct 24, 2022 at 1:18 PM

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Thanks for the opportunity to comment. My records agree. All known bald eagle nests are over a mile from the project site. No time of year restrictions need to be imposed to accommodate nesting at these territories.

Brian

Brian Hess, Wildlife Biologist

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Hi Brian,

As discussed, please find attached the sketch showing Bald Eagle nests locations known to the project Biologist, Richard Snarski. It appears that Bald Eagles' nests are located more than 600 feet away from the Project site.

Please review the Bald Eagle nests locations shown on the sketch, and let us know if you have any additional information on the nest(s) locations close to the Project area.

As the Bald Eagles' nests are located more than 600 feet away from the Project area, do we need to impose the time of year restrictions on the Contractor for certain construction activities due to Bald Eagle nesting and/or rutting season?

Please advise.

Thank you.

Rima Laukaitis, P.E.

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Hi Rima,

I have reviewed your submission of materials regarding the replacement of the Amtrak bridge crossing the Connecticut River between Old Saybrook and Old Lyme. As you mention, there are four records for osprey nests on the existing span, three of which were active during 2019. You propose to relocate these nests during February.

I approve the idea of removing the nests while inactive. Removal of inactive osprey nests may be done without a permit. These nests may be removed anytime between September 1 and March 1. Though no permit is required, please notify me immediately before the removal takes place so that I may address any communications from the public. Once ospreys arrive in mid-March, they may attempt to rebuild these nests. Please promptly remove any new nesting material to discourage the ospreys from continuing to use the bridge.

Please do not replace the nests onshore. That is not necessary.

Please consider this your osprey consultation. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Brian

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Part 2.

Part 3 will follow.

Thank you.

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Good Afternoon Mr. Hess,

The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) proposes to replace the Connecticut River

Bridge, which became operational in 1907 and is nearing the end of its useful life. Amtrak is proposing to replace the existing Connecticut River Bridge with a new bascule bridge to be

located 52' south of the existing structure, as measured centerline to centerline.

The Project is subject to CT DEEP Structures, Dredging and Fill Permit, CTDEEP Section 401 Water Quality Certification, & USACE Section 404 Clean Water Act Permit, USACE Section 10 Rivers & Harbors Act Permit.

Please review, complete the form, and return to us.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need more information.

It seems the email option is more reliable than ordinary mail at this time. Our supplemental attachments are large files. So, we are sending the attachments in three separate emails.

This is Part 1.

Part 2 and Part 3 will follow.

Thank you.

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