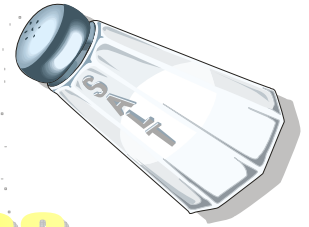


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### PROCESS CHANGES FOR LOCALLY INITIATED FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS FEDERAL THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES REVIEWS -Effective Immediately-



CUTTING THE RED TAPE & STREAMLINING THE PROCESS!

**YES IT'S TRUE!!**

The removal of the bald eagle from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants, left [34](#) Minnesota Counties with no federally-listed species or designated critical habitat.

In order to streamline the consultation process, Jason Alcott of Mn/DOT's Office of Environmental Services (OES) has coordinated with the FHWA and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to develop **evaluation criteria**, when if met, the Project Manager will **NOT be required to send a review request to the OES**, and a prepared statement will be included in the environmental document for the project.

#### EVALUATION CRITERIA:

IF

- 1) **The proposed action occurs in one of the Counties identified in the table below.**

AND

- 2) **The proposed action does not have the potential for influence outside of the County.**  
(Examples of "potential for influence" are downstream impacts on aquatic resources, actions occurring in more than one county, actions with wide-ranging impacts, etc.)

If the action **may have potential** for influence outside of the County, contact Jason Alcott at 651-366-3605, to determine if a formal review request is necessary.

THEN

It is reasonable to conclude that the action will have no effect upon federally-listed species and/or designated critical habitat.

Then a Federal Threatened and Endangered Species Review Request will **not** be required and the following language should be included in the environmental document for the project:

**“The proposed action occurs in a county with no known federally listed endangered, threatened, proposed or candidate species, or final or proposed critical habitat. In addition, the proposed action does not have the potential for influence outside of (name of county).”**

As a result, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Office of Environmental Services acting as the non-federal representative for the Federal Highway Administration has made a determination of “NO Effect”, completing the consultation requirements defined in Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.”

Counties with <b>no species</b> on the Federal List of Endangered & Threatened Wildlife & Plants, By District ( <i>sorry D1</i> )						
D2	D3	D4	D6	D7	D8	Metro
Hubbard	Benton	Becker	Freeborn	Blue Earth	Kandiyohi	Anoka
	Crow Wing	Douglas		Faribault	Lyon	Carver
	Isanti	Grant		Le Sueur	McLeod	Scott
	Kanabec	Mahnomen		Nicollet	Meeker	
	Mille Lacs	Otter Tail		Sibley		
	Morrison	Stevens		Waseca		
	Sherburne	Wilkin		Watonwan		
	Stearns					
	Todd					
	Wadena					
	Wright					

REMINDER: Counties that are not shown in the above table must continue to submit a [Federal Threatened And Endangered Species Review Request](#) to Jason Alcott and include his determination and response letter in the environmental document.

The [Minnesota Natural Heritage Information System \(NHIS\) Data Request](#) should continue to be submitted to the DNR for a project review of STATE listed endangered, threatened and special concern species in all counties.



**FYI-**The bald eagle remains federally protected under both the [Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#) and the [Migratory Bird Treaty Act](#). Any questions regarding bald eagles should be directed to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.