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May 12, 2015

Doug Bentson
Vegetation Management
3825 E Holderman Rd
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RE: Wauponsie Township Guardrails
IDNR Project #1512295
County: Grundy

Dear Mr. Bentson:

This letter concerns the consultation for herbicide application along guardrails in Grundy County, Wauponsie Township. This project was submitted for consultation in accordance with the *Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act* [520 ILCS 10/11], the *Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act* [525 ILCS 30/17], and Title 17 *Illinois Administrative Code Part 1075*.

The treatment site on McArdle Road crosses the Mazon River - Johnny Run Reach, which is listed on the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory. Because herbicides can have an adverse impact on aquatic species, the Department recommends either mechanical removal, or spot spray using the lowest concentration appropriate, with every precaution taken to reduce drift and prevent contamination of the surface water.

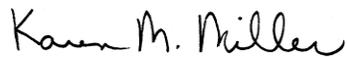
Consultation under *17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1075* is completed. In accordance with *17 Ill. Adm. Code 1075.40(h)*, please notify the Department of your decision regarding these recommendations.

This consultation is valid for two years unless new information becomes available that was not previously considered; the proposed action is modified; or additional species, essential habitat, or Natural Areas are identified in the vicinity. If the project has not been implemented within two years of the date of this letter, or any of the above listed conditions develop, a new consultation is necessary.

The natural resource review reflects the information existing in the Illinois Natural Heritage Database at the time of the project submittal, and should not be regarded as a final statement on the site being considered, nor should it be a substitute for detailed site surveys or field surveys required for environmental assessments. If additional protected resources are encountered during the project's implementation, you must comply with the applicable statutes and regulations. Also, note that termination does not imply IDNR's authorization or endorsement of the proposed action.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen M. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

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