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Robert Berry
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RE: Information Request - Roosevelt Trail Dollar General, Naples Project (ERID 7708)

Dear Robert:

Per your request, we have reviewed current Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) information sources for known locations of Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern (Rare) species; designated Essential and Significant Wildlife Habitats; inland fisheries and aquatic habitats; and other protected natural resource concerns within the vicinity of the ***Roosevelt Trail Dollar General, Naples*** project, pursuant to MDIFW's authority. Per the information provided, tree clearing is proposed.

Our Department has not mapped any Essential Habitats that would be directly affected by your project.

ENDANGERED, THREATENED, AND SPECIAL CONCERN SPECIES

Bat Species

Of the eight species of bats that occur in Maine, four species are afforded protection under Maines Endangered Species Act (MESA, 12 M.R.S 12801 et. seq.): little brown bat (State Endangered), northern long-eared bat (State Endangered), eastern small-footed bat (State Threatened), and tri-colored bat (State Threatened). The four remaining bat species are designated as Species of Special Concern: big brown bat, red bat, hoary bat, and silver-haired bat. While a comprehensive statewide inventory for bats has not been completed, based on historical evidence it is likely that several of these species occur within the project area during spring/fall migration, the summer breeding season, and/or for overwintering. However, our Agency does not anticipate significant impacts to any of the bat species as a result of this project.

SIGNIFICANT WILDLIFE HABITAT

Significant Vernal Pools

At this time MDIFW Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) maps indicate no known presence of Significant Vernal Pools (SVPs) in the project search area. However, a comprehensive statewide inventory for Significant Vernal Pools has not been completed. SVPs are not included on MDIFW maps until project areas have been surveyed using approved methods and the survey results confirmed. Based on our understanding of the information provided, wetland surveys have been conducted and no vernal pool features were documented onsite. If so, minimal impacts

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are anticipated. If surveys for vernal pools have not occurred, we recommend they be conducted within the project boundary by qualified wetland scientists prior to final project design to determine whether there are Significant Vernal Pools present in the area. These surveys should extend up to 250 feet beyond the anticipated project footprint because of potential performance standard requirements for off-site Significant Vernal Pools, assuming such pools are located on land owned or controlled by the applicant. Once surveys are completed, survey forms should be submitted to our Agency for review well before the submission of any necessary permits. Our Department will need to review and verify any vernal pool data prior to final determination of significance.

AQUATIC RESOURCES

Fish Habitat

Per the information provided, the property does not contain waterbody frontage. Based on our understanding, wetland surveys have been conducted and no streams were documented onsite. Minimal impacts to fisheries are anticipated.

This consultation review has been conducted specifically for known MDIFW jurisdictional features and should not be interpreted as a comprehensive review for the presence of other regulated features that may occur in this area. Prior to the start of any future site disturbance, we recommend additional consultation with the municipality, and other state resource and regulatory agencies including the Maine Natural Areas Program and Maine Department of Environmental Protection in order to avoid unintended protected resource disturbance. For information on federally listed species, contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Maine Field Office (207-469-7300, mainefieldoffice@fws.gov).

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions regarding this information, or if I can be of any further assistance.

Best regards,



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