

**Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), and  
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)  
Range-wide Programmatic Informal Consultation for  
Indiana Bat and Northern Long-eared Bat**

Project Submittal Form for FHWA, FRA, FTA, and  
Transportation Agencies *Updated February 2016*

In order to use the programmatic informal consultation to fulfill Endangered Species Act consultation requirements, transportation agencies must use this submittal form to submit project-level information for all may affect, not likely to adversely affect (NLAA) determinations to the appropriate U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) field office prior to project commencement. For more information, see the Standard Operating Procedure for Site Specific Project(s) Submission in the User's Guide.

In submitting this form, the transportation agency ensures that the proposed project(s) adhere to the criteria of the range-wide programmatic informal BA. Upon submittal of this form, the appropriate Service field office may review the site-specific information provided and request additional information. If the applying transportation agency is not notified within 14 calendar days of emailing the Project Submittal Form to the Service field office, it may proceed under the range-wide programmatic informal consultation.

Further instructions on completing the submittal form can be found by hovering your cursor over each text box.

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1. Date:

2. Lead Agency:

*This refers to the Federal governmental lead action agency initiating consultation; select FHWA or FRA as appropriate*

3. Requesting Agency:

a. Name:

b. Title:

c. Phone:

d. Email:

4. Consultation Code<sup>1</sup>:

5. Project Name(s):

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<sup>1</sup> Available through IPaC System Official Species List: <https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/>

6. Project Description:

*Please attach additional documentation or explanatory text if necessary*

7. Other species from Official Species List:

No effect – project(s) are inside the range, but no suitable habitat – see additional information attached

May Affect – see additional information provided for those species (either attached or forthcoming)

8. For Ibat/NLEB, if Applicable, Explain Your No Effect Determination

No effect – project(s) are outside the species' range (submittal form complete)

No effect – project(s) are inside the range but no suitable summer habitat (submittal form complete)

No effect – project(s) are completely within existing road/rail surface and do not involve percussive or other activities that increase noise above existing traffic/background levels (submittal form complete)

No effect – project(s) includes maintenance, alteration, or demolition of bridge(s)/structure(s) and indicate(s) no signs of bats from results of a bridge/structure assessment (submittal form complete)

No effect – project(s) do not involve construction activities (e.g., bridge assessments, property inspections, development of planning and technical studies, property sales, property easements, and equipment purchases) (submittal form complete)

*Otherwise, please continue below.*

9. For Ibat/NLEB, if Applicable, Explain Your May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect Determination (without implementation of AMMs)

NLAA – project(s) are inside the range but negative bat presence/absence (P/A) surveys (submittal form complete)

NLAA – project(s) conducted completely within existing road/rail surface and involve percussive activities (submittal form complete)

NLAA – project(s) are within areas that contain suitable forested habitat but do not remove or alter trees (e.g., landscaping rest areas, mowing, brush removal, sign or guiderail replacement, and stormwater management) (submittal form complete)

NLAA – project(s) of slash pile burning (submittal form complete)

NLAA – wetland or stream protection activities are associated with wetland mitigation and do not clear suitable habitat (submittal form complete)

*Otherwise, please continue below.*

For Ibat/NLEB, if applicable, continue to complete the submittal form to explain your may affect, not likely to adversely affect determination (**with implementation of AMMs**)

10. Affected Resource/Habitat Type

Trees

Bridge

Other Non-Tree Roosting Structure (e.g., building)

Other (please explain):

11. For Tree Removal Projects:

- a. Please verify that no documented roosts or foraging habitat will be impacted and that project is within 100 feet of existing road surface:
- b. Please verify that all tree removal will occur during the inactive season<sup>2</sup>:
- c. Timing of clearing:
- d. Amount of clearing:

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<sup>2</sup> Coordinate with local Service field office for appropriate dates.

12. For Bridge/Structure Work Projects:

- a. Proposed work:
- b. Timing of work:
- c. Evidence of bat activity on bridge/structure:
- d. If applicable, verify that superstructure work will not bother roosting bats in any way:
- e. If applicable, verify that bridge/structure work will occur only in the winter months:

13. Please confirm the following:

Proposed project(s) adhere to the criteria of the range-wide programmatic informal BA (see Section 2.0).

All applicable AMMs will be implemented, including<sup>3</sup>:

Tree Removal AMM 1:

Tree Removal AMM 2:

Tree Removal AMM 3:

Tree Removal AMM 4:

Bridge AMM 1:

Bridge AMM 2:

Bridge AMM 3:

Bridge AMM 4:

Structure AMM 1:

Structure AMM 2:

Structure AMM 3:

Structure AMM 4:

Lighting AMM 1:

Lighting AMM 2:

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<sup>3</sup> See AMMs Fact Sheet (Appendix C) for more information on the following AMMs.