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October 19, 2009

PNDI Large Project Review

Mr. Kevin Starner
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Re: R.J. Corman Railroad – Local Road System Upgrade Alternative
 Centre and Clearfield Counties, PA

Dear Mr. Starner,

Thank you for submitting the R.J. Corman Railroad Local Road System Upgrade Alternative to the PA Game Commission (PGC) on September 30, 2009 for review. The Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) screened this project for potential impacts to species and resources of concern under PGC responsibility, which includes birds and mammals only.

Potential Impact Anticipated

PNDI records indicate species or resources of concern are located in the vicinity of the project. The PGC has received and thoroughly reviewed the information that you provided to this office as well as PNDI data, and has determined that potential impacts to threatened, endangered, and species of special concern birds and mammals may be associated with your project. Therefore, additional measures are necessary to avoid potential impacts to the species listed below.

Scientific Name	Common Name	PA Status
<i>Neotoma magister</i>	Allegheny Woodrat	THREATENED

Next Steps

An Allegheny woodrat habitat assessment survey should be performed using the survey form found in Appendix B of the enclosed PGC Allegheny Woodrat Guidance Document for the above listed species. The woodrat habitat assessment survey must be conducted by a qualified biologist with experience surveying and locating woodrat sign. The survey involves a detailed search by the lead biologist and several assistants for all potential habitat in the project area and within 300 feet of the project area. The Allegheny woodrat habitat assessment survey should be concentrated in the following areas within the large proposed project area:

ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAUS:

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- S.R. 0053 - from Moshannon Summit east to the intersection with Gordon Road at Moshannon.
- Gordon Road - from the intersection with S.R. 0053 south to the Railroad crossing near Gordon.

Please provide the following information so that a more accurate determination can be made:

- Results of the woodrat habitat assessment survey included all completed PGC datasheets.

This response represents the most up-to-date summary of the PNDI data files and is valid for one (1) year from the date of this letter. An absence of recorded information does not necessarily imply actual conditions on site. Should project plans change or additional information on listed or proposed species become available, this determination may be reconsidered.

Should the proposed work continue beyond the period covered by this letter, please resubmit the project to this agency as an "Update" (including an updated PNDI receipt, project narrative and accurate map). If the proposed work has not changed and no additional information concerning listed species is found, the project will be cleared for PNDI requirements under this agency for an additional year.

This finding applies to impacts to birds and mammals only. To complete your review of state and federally-listed threatened and endangered species and species of special concern, please be sure that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and/or the PA Fish and Boat Commission have been contacted regarding this project as directed by the online PNDI ER Tool found at www.naturalheritage.state.pa.us.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: PGC Allegheny Woodrat Guidance Document