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State of Indiana
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Fish and Wildlife
Early Coordination/Environmental Assessment

DNR #: ER-17172-1

Request Received: March 24, 2014

Requestor: Surface Transportation Board
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Project: CSX Transportation and Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company, Supplemental EA: easement acquisition for joint operation and improvement of 106.5 miles of rail line from Indianapolis, IN to Louisville, KY, including a bridge replacement over Flatrock River in Columbus; Docket No. FD 35523

County/Site info: Bartholomew - Clark - Jackson - Johnson - Marion - Scott

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the above referenced project per your request. Our agency offers the following comments for your information and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

If our agency has regulatory jurisdiction over the project, the recommendations contained in this letter may become requirements of any permit issued. If we do not have permitting authority, all recommendations are voluntary.

Regulatory Assessment: This proposal will require the formal approval for construction in a floodway under the Flood Control Act, IC 14-28-1. An individual permit will be required for each affected stream having a drainage area greater than one square mile. Please submit a copy of this letter with the permit application.

Natural Heritage Database: The Natural Heritage Program's data have been checked. The species and natural community that have been documented within 1/2 mile of the project was provided in our previous letter dated October 3, 2013. Comments regarding potential impacts to the species and significant natural areas near the project were also provided in the previous letter.

Fish & Wildlife Comments: The recommendations in our previous letter still apply.

Contact Staff: Christie L. Stanifer, Environ. Coordinator, Fish & Wildlife
Our agency appreciates this opportunity to be of service. Please contact the above staff member at (317) 232-4080 if we can be of further assistance.



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Date: April 10, 2014