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Subject: RE: [External Email]RE: B112 Line Rebuild Project- Oct 1 Start Locations

Date: Monday, October 2, 2023 12:42:45 PM

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I understand they are anxious, but they need to understand we have a process and it's not that simple. The deciding official will make a decision when he is comfortable and has the needed info.



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Hi Brooke,

My last update: I talked to Keith and he has no concerns with their request around these two specific locations and their access points.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thanks. Jasmin

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Hi again,

I should also add that Eversource has helicopter resources on standby and every hour in delay is costing them. They're anxious to know when a decision will be made (an hour? Few hours? Today even?) They're being very cooperative and understanding that this is not a decision to be taken lightly. They've also expressed their gratitude that this is being expedited.

Thanks, Jasmin

From: Faunce, Jasmin - FS, NH

Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 11:06 AM

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Hi Brooke,

Please see the adjusted entry point in the screenshot below.

Re: waiting until after April 1. They need to get it in there now in order to maintain project schedule. They did consider it as a team. Outages and sequencing/wire pulling that are required in that stretch restrict their timeline. Seasonal road restrictions are also a limitation – April 1 may be the posted opening date but realistically, road conditions may not be ideal until well into May/June. They're still looking to be totally completed by July 2024.

Mats are 16' x 4' x 12" thick timbers bolted together.

Thanks, Jasmin

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Hi Jasmin,

Thanks for the phone call and continuing to push this forward.

Just to further clarify the structure 68-69 area, this work is planned to begin after the helicopter section (89-90). I've adjusted the entry point in red below. The work is limited to matting only, within the wetlands and immediate upland areas required to access the wetland.



Please let us know if you have any further questions that we can assist with to obtain approval as soon as possible given the critical timing.

Thanks, Ashley

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Hi Ashley,

Just to summarize and confirm what we discussed on the phone.

- Access to structures 89-90: No ground access. Helicopter will be taking off/landing off FS land. Hovering over and lowering mats into place.
- Access to structures 68-69: off of Algonquin Rd. Bisecting the corner (see purple marker on screenshot below) and matting the wetlands to the east. Civil work occurring around the wetland area.



Thanks for the call. I'll get back to you as soon as I can. Jasmin



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Hi Ashley,

Apologies for my delayed response – I was out of the office on Friday. I understand your urgency on getting the mats down at the two locations, but work cannot proceed without signed approval from the Forest Supervisor. Your request is currently being expedited and reviewed. There is still one question we need answered before any decision can be made – how are structures 68-69 and 89-90 being accessed? (i.e. Are they driving through the corridor? How are they accessing the corridor?) I have the project maps but nothing specifically indicates the access points. Please let me know specifically how the construction crews plan on accessing these locations.

Thanks, Jasmin



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Hi Jasmin,

Due to the critical timing, significant logistical hurdles, and low impact nature of this work, we need to proceed with matting within the two locations aforementioned (structures 68-69 and 89-90) to adhere to rare species BMPs for placing matting within suitable overwintering habitat.

We're confident that this activity will not have any impact on the rare plants in question which are outside of this area and plan to conduct this work starting Monday. If you have any questions, please let us know.

The remainder of the construction seeks review and approval from WMNF by the end of October.

Thank you, Ashley

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Hi Jasmin,

Have you been able to touch base with others on your team to confirm releasing the 2 areas for Oct 1 previously mentioned is an acceptable approach?

Thanks again for all of your help and understanding the urgency on this.

Ashley

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Hi Jasmin,

Thanks for the call earlier. As requested, attached is the email correspondence with Tom Moore correcting the Project start date to July 2023. The Project began civil buildout of access roads and work pads outside of WMNF in June while we await for approval within the Forest.

The critical areas in need of approval by October 1st are structures 68-69 and 89-90, which have been determined to be suitable for overwintering habitat of turtles. NH Fish and Game has required us to place matting in these specific wetland locations by October 15th, ahead of the hibernating period so mobilizing by Oct 1 is critical to meet the overall Project schedule. The purpose of this BMP is to prevent accidental placement atop of hibernating turtles that could crush them. If matting isn't placed in these wetlands before October 15th than we would be locked out of this stretch until the active season, April 1 of 2024.

If further time is required to review work areas outside of this location, we kindly request that these two areas (structures 68-69 and structures 89-90) are released so that we can proceed with work in these locations and stay are target for the Project schedule.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks, Ashley

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