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Subject: RE: WMNF Projects - Status

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Hi Jasmin.

Please see our responses below:

Good morning all,

I'd like to confirm the status of all the Eversource projects on WMNF, and see if you all had any updates or corrections:

B112 was completed in September and restoration was completed in December. GZA is still
monitoring the site once per month and Ashley has been sending me monthly erosion control
reports.

Correct. There will be periodic touch up restoration occurring, as needed.

• S136 Decision Memo was signed and permit was amended around Dec/Jan. Any idea when work will begin?

Civil work is scheduled to begin in April 2025.

• X178-1 Decision Memo was signed in January. On my end, I think I forgot to issue the permit amendment – I'll send that over as soon as I can. Any idea when work will begin on that segment? Or is it waiting on phase 2?

Construction is expected to begin when all NH state approvals are issued. Based on a Petition Hearing we had in early March, this project as well as the X-178-2 is now subject to the NH Site Evaluation Process, so it is not expected that we'll have formal State level approval until late 2025 at the earliest. We are unclear as to what the USFS permit amendment is for.

• X178 Geotechnical Investigations permit was issued in February. Is work still scheduled to begin April 1? Even with this fast snow melt...?

We appreciate your efforts to get us the approvals we were seeking for this work, unfortunately we were forced to postpone the geotechnical investigation to Q1 of 2026 due to Spring road postings in the April timeframe. We can't get our crews, vehicles and equipment to the laydown area. We will reinitiate consultation with USFS later this year pursuant to this effort. The scope should be the same and we plan to conduct the work in the winter timeframe.

Scheduling a field visit, especially focusing on access routes
 Yes. We'd like to schedule a meeting in the field in early April to look at in and off

ROW access and bridge crossings. If you are available, I can set up a Teams meeting to coordinate a meeting date and itinerary.

Do you have any 3rd party survey requests?

We have brought on a 3rd party engineer to do an analysis of the existing bridge crossings and we are also consulting with a company that installs temporary bridging solutions as well for some of our broader stream crossings. We expect to have these experts with us in the field in April.

Let us know if you have any additional questions at this time.

Thanks.

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