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BDE PROCEDURE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: BDE Manual Revision – Chapter 28

DATE: June 23, 2011

Chapter 28 has been revised due to a joint IDOT-FHWA process review on Threatened and Endangered Species. See Chapter 28 of the BDE Manual on-line to view the revisions.

Background

On March 1-3, 2011, the Department and FHWA conducted a joint process review of the Department's compliance with Section 7 consultation of the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973. A draft report of the process review was issued on May 24, 2011 with three observations and recommendations.

One of the observations suggested increasing T&E species document coordination between the Department and the Army Corps of Engineers to facilitate ESA consultation. This change should help avoid duplication of effort (i.e. informal consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service during Studies and Plans *and* Design phases of highway development) and unnecessary construction restrictions.

The recommendation for this observation was the Districts should include documentation of Endangered Species Act compliance with their 404 permit for both local roads and state lead projects.

Section 28 -2 - This section has been revised to specify the information to be included from the biological resources review in the 404 permit including Natural Resource Review Tool (NRRT) or Ecological Compliance Assessment Tool (EcoCAT) reports, wetland determinations reports and Wetland Impact Evaluation forms.

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