

APPENDIX B

USFWS Official Species List



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Project Name: Pleasant Valley Interceptor Reach 3 Wastewater Improvement Project

Subject: Updated list of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location, and/or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The attached species list indicates threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species and designated or proposed critical habitat that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA, 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), for projects that are authorized, funded, or carried out by a Federal agency. Candidate species have no protection under the ESA but are included for consideration because they could be listed prior to the completion of your project. Consideration of these species during project planning may assist species conservation efforts and may prevent the need for future listing actions. For additional information regarding species that may be found in the proposed project area, visit <http://www.fws.gov/nevada/es/ipac.html>.

The purpose of the ESA is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the ESA and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or

designated or proposed critical habitat. Guidelines for preparing a Biological Assessment can be found at: http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/section7/ba_guide.html.

If a Federal action agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species, and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/TOC-GLOS.PDF>.

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this species list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the ESA, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally, as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation, for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the attached list.

The Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office (NFWO) no longer provides species of concern lists. Most of these species for which we have concern are also on the Animal and Plant At-Risk Tracking List for Nevada (At-Risk list) maintained by the State of Nevada's Natural Heritage Program (Heritage). Instead of maintaining our own list, we adopted Heritage's At-Risk list and are partnering with them to provide distribution data and information on the conservation needs for at-risk species to agencies or project proponents. The mission of Heritage is to continually evaluate the conservation priorities of native plants, animals, and their habitats, particularly those most vulnerable to extinction or in serious decline. In addition, in order to avoid future conflicts, we ask that you consider these at-risk species early in your project planning and explore management alternatives that provide for their long-term conservation.

For a list of at-risk species by county, visit Heritage's website (<http://heritage.nv.gov>). For a specific list of at-risk species that may occur in the project area, you can obtain a data request form from the website (http://heritage.nv.gov/get_data) or by contacting the Administrator of Heritage at 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 5002, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5245, (775) 684-2900. Please indicate on the form that your request is being obtained as part of your coordination with the Service under the ESA. During your project analysis, if you obtain new information or data for any Nevada sensitive species, we request that you provide the information to Heritage at the above address.

Furthermore, certain species of fish and wildlife are classified as protected by the State of Nevada (<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-503.html>). You must first obtain the appropriate license, permit, or written authorization from the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) to take, or possess any parts of protected fish and wildlife species. Please visit <http://www.ndow.org> or contact NDOW in northern Nevada (775) 688-1500, in southern Nevada (702) 486-5127, or in eastern Nevada (775) 777-2300.

Please be aware that bald and golden eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 *et seq.*), and projects affecting these species may require development of an eagle conservation plan (http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/eagle_guidance.html). Additionally, wind energy projects should follow the Service's wind energy guidelines (<http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/>) for minimizing impacts to migratory birds and bats.

The Service's Pacific Southwest Region developed the *Interim Guidelines for the Development of a Project Specific Avian and Bat Protection Plan for Wind Energy Facilities* (Interim Guidelines). This document provides energy facility developers with a tool for assessing the risk of potential impacts to wildlife resources and delineates how best to design and operate a bird- and bat-friendly wind facility. These Interim Guidelines are available upon request from the NFWO. The intent of a Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy is to conserve wildlife resources while supporting project developers through: (1) establishing project development in an adaptive management framework; (2) identifying proper siting and project design strategies; (3) designing and implementing pre-construction surveys; (4) implementing appropriate conservation measures for each development phase; (5) designing and implementing appropriate post-construction monitoring strategies; (6) using post-construction studies to better understand the dynamics of mortality reduction (*e.g.*, changes in blade cut-in speed, assessments of blade “feathering” success, and studies on the effects of visual and acoustic deterrents) including efforts tied into Before-After/Control-Impact analysis; and (7) conducting a thorough risk assessment and validation leading to adjustments in management and mitigation actions.

The template and recommendations set forth in the Interim Guidelines were based upon the Avian Powerline Interaction Committee's Avian Protection Plan template (<http://www.aplic.org/>) developed for electric utilities and modified accordingly to address the unique concerns of wind energy facilities. These recommendations are also consistent with the Service's wind energy guidelines. We recommend contacting us as early as possible in the planning process to discuss the need and process for developing a site-specific Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy.

The Service has also developed guidance regarding wind power development in relation to prairie grouse leks (sage-grouse are included in this). This document can be found at: http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/Oklahoma/documents/te_species/wind%20power/prairie%20grouse%20lek%205%20mile%20public.pdf.

Migratory Birds are a Service Trust Resource. Based on the Service's conservation responsibilities and management authority for migratory birds under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, as amended (MBTA; 16 U.S.C. 703 *et seq.*), we recommend that any land clearing or other surface disturbance associated with proposed actions within the project area be timed to

avoid potential destruction of bird nests or young, or birds that breed in the area. Such destruction may be in violation of the MBTA. Under the MBTA, nests with eggs or young of migratory birds may not be harmed, nor may migratory birds be killed. Therefore, we recommend land clearing be conducted outside the avian breeding season. If this is not feasible, we recommend a qualified biologist survey the area prior to land clearing. If nests are located, or if other evidence of nesting (*i.e.*, mated pairs, territorial defense, carrying nesting material, transporting food) is observed, a protective buffer (the size depending on the habitat requirements of the species) should be delineated and the entire area avoided to prevent destruction or disturbance to nests until they are no longer active.

Guidance for minimizing impacts to migratory birds for projects involving communications towers (*e.g.*, cellular, digital television, radio, and emergency broadcast) can be found at: <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/towers.htm>; <http://www.towerkill.com>; and <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/comtow.html>.

If wetlands, springs, or streams are known to occur in the project area or are present in the vicinity of the project area, we ask that you be aware of potential impacts project activities may have on these habitats. Discharge of fill material into wetlands or waters of the United States is regulated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) pursuant to section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1972, as amended. We recommend you contact the ACOE's Regulatory Section regarding the possible need for a permit. For projects located in northern Nevada (Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey, and Washoe Counties) contact the Reno Regulatory Office at 300 Booth Street, Room 3060, Reno, Nevada 89509, (775) 784-5304; in southern Nevada (Clark, Lincoln, Nye, and White Pine Counties) contact the St. George Regulatory Office at 321 North Mall Drive, Suite L-101, St. George, Utah 84790-7314, (435) 986-3979; or in California along the eastern Sierra contact the Sacramento Regulatory Office at 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 5-200, Sacramento, California 95814, (916) 557-5250.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

The table below outlines lead FWS field offices by county and land ownership/project type. Please refer to this table when you are ready to coordinate (including requests for section 7 consultation) with the field office corresponding to your project, and send any documentation regarding your project to that corresponding office. Therefore, the lead FWS field office may not be the office listed above in the letterhead.

Lead FWS offices by County and Ownership/Program

| County | Ownership/Program | Species | Office Lead* |
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| Alameda | Tidal wetlands/marsh adjacent to Bays | Salt marsh species, delta smelt | BDFWO |
| Alameda | All ownerships but tidal/estuarine | All | SFWO |
| Alpine | Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest | All | RFWO |
| Alpine | Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit | All | RFWO |
| Alpine | Stanislaus National Forest | All | SFWO |
| Alpine | El Dorado National Forest | All | SFWO |
| Colusa | Mendocino National Forest | All | AFWO |
| Colusa | Other | All | By jurisdiction (see map) |
| Contra Costa | Legal Delta (Excluding ECCHCP) | All | BDFWO |
| Contra Costa | Antioch Dunes NWR | All | BDFWO |
| Contra Costa | Tidal wetlands/marsh adjacent to Bays | Salt marsh species, delta smelt | BDFWO |
| Contra Costa | All ownerships but tidal/estuarine | All | SFWO |
| Del Norte | All | All | AFWO |
| El Dorado | El Dorado National Forest | All | SFWO |
| El Dorado | LakeTahoe Basin Management Unit | | RFWO |
| Glenn | Mendocino National Forest | All | AFWO |
| Glenn | Other | All | By jurisdiction (see map) |
| Humboldt | All except Shasta Trinity National Forest | All | AFWO |

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| Humboldt | Shasta Trinity National Forest | All | YFWO |
| Lake | Mendocino National Forest | All | AFWO |
| Lake | Other | All | By jurisdiction (see map) |
| Lassen | Modoc National Forest | All | KFWO |
| Lassen | Lassen National Forest | All | SFWO |
| Lassen | Toiyabe National Forest | All | RFWO |
| Lassen | BLM Surprise and Eagle Lake Resource Areas | All | RFWO |
| Lassen | BLM Alturas Resource Area | All | KFWO |
| Lassen | Lassen Volcanic National Park | All (includes Eagle Lake trout on all ownerships) | SFWO |
| Lassen | All other ownerships | All | By jurisdiction (see map) |
| Marin | Tidal wetlands/marsh adjacent to Bays | Salt marsh species, delta smelt | BDFWO |
| Marin | All ownerships but tidal/estuarine | All | SFWO |
| Mendocino | Russian River watershed | All | SFWO |
| Mendocino | All except Russian River watershed | All | AFWO |
| Modoc | Modoc National Forest | All | KFWO |
| Modoc | BLM Alturas Resource Area | All | KFWO |
| Modoc | Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex | All | KFWO |
| Modoc | BLM Surprise and Eagle Lake Resource Areas | All | RFWO |

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| Modoc | All other ownerships | All | By jurisdiction (See map) |
| Mono | Inyo National Forest | All | RFWO |
| Mono | Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest | All | RFWO |
| Napa | All ownerships but tidal/estuarine | All | SFWO |
| Napa | Tidal wetlands/marsh adjacent to San Pablo Bay | Salt marsh species, delta smelt | BDFWO |
| Nevada | Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest | All | RFWO |
| Nevada | All other ownerships | All | By jurisdiction (See map) |
| Placer | Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit | All | RFWO |
| Placer | All other ownerships | All | SFWO |
| Sacramento | Legal Delta | Delta Smelt | BDFWO |
| Sacramento | Other | All | By jurisdiction (see map) |
| San Francisco | Tidal wetlands/marsh adjacent to San Francisco Bay | Salt marsh species, delta smelt | BDFWO |
| San Francisco | All ownerships but tidal/estuarine | All | SFWO |
| San Mateo | Tidal wetlands/marsh adjacent to San Francisco Bay | Salt marsh species, delta smelt | BDFWO |
| San Mateo | All ownerships but tidal/estuarine | All | SFWO |
| San Joaquin | Legal Delta excluding San Joaquin HCP | All | BDFWO |

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| San Joaquin | Other | All | SFWO |
| Santa Clara | Tidal wetlands/marsh adjacent to San Francisco Bay | Salt marsh species, delta smelt | BDFWO |
| Santa Clara | All ownerships but tidal/estuarine | All | SFWO |
| Shasta | Shasta Trinity National Forest except Hat Creek Ranger District (administered by Lassen National Forest) | All | YFWO |
| Shasta | Hat Creek Ranger District | All | SFWO |
| Shasta | Bureau of Reclamation (Central Valley Project) | All | BDFWO |
| Shasta | Whiskeytown National Recreation Area | All | YFWO |
| Shasta | BLM Alturas Resource Area | All | KFWO |
| Shasta | Caltrans | By jurisdiction | SFWO/AFWO |
| Shasta | Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Park | Shasta crayfish | SFWO |
| Shasta | All other ownerships | All | By jurisdiction (see map) |
| Shasta | Natural Resource Damage Assessment, all lands | All | SFWO/BDFWO |
| Sierra | Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest | All | RFWO |
| Sierra | All other ownerships | All | SFWO |
| Siskiyou | Klamath National Forest (except Ukonom District) | All | YFWO |
| Siskiyou | Six Rivers National Forest and Ukonom District | All | AFWO |
| Siskiyou | Shasta Trinity National Forest | All | YFWO |

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| Siskiyou | Lassen National Forest | All | SFWO |
| Siskiyou | Modoc National Forest | All | KFWO |
| Siskiyou | Lava Beds National Volcanic Monument | All | KFWO |
| Siskiyou | BLM Alturas Resource Area | All | KFWO |
| Siskiyou | Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex | All | KFWO |
| Siskiyou | All other ownerships | All | By jurisdiction (see map) |
| Solano | Suisun Marsh | All | BDFWO |
| Solano | Tidal wetlands/marsh adjacent to San Pablo Bay | Salt marsh species, delta smelt | BDFWO |
| Solano | All ownerships but tidal/estuarine | All | SFWO |
| Solano | Other | All | By jurisdiction (see map) |
| Sonoma | Tidal wetlands/marsh adjacent to San Pablo Bay | Salt marsh species, delta smelt | BDFWO |
| Sonoma | All ownerships but tidal/estuarine | All | SFWO |
| Tehama | Mendocino National Forest | All | AFWO |
| Tehama | Shasta Trinity National Forest except Hat Creek Ranger District (administered by Lassen National Forest) | All | YFWO |
| Tehama | All other ownerships | All | By jurisdiction (see map) |
| Trinity | BLM | All | AFWO |
| Trinity | Six Rivers National Forest | All | AFWO |
| Trinity | Shasta Trinity National Forest | All | YFWO |

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| Trinity | Mendocino National Forest | All | AFWO |
| Trinity | BIA (Tribal Trust Lands) | All | AFWO |
| Trinity | County Government | All | AFWO |
| Trinity | All other ownerships | All | By jurisdiction (See map) |
| Yolo | Yolo Bypass | All | BDFWO |
| Yolo | Other | All | By jurisdiction (see map) |
| All | FERC-ESA | All | By jurisdiction (see map) |
| All | FERC-ESA | Shasta crayfish | SFWO |
| All | FERC-Relicensing (non-ESA) | All | BDFWO |

***Office Leads:**

AFWO=Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office

BDFWO=Bay Delta Fish and Wildlife Office

KFWO=Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Office

RFWO=Reno Fish and Wildlife Office

YFWO=Yreka Fish and Wildlife Office

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List
 - USFWS National Wildlife Refuges and Fish Hatcheries
 - Migratory Birds
 - Wetlands
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Official Species List

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

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Project Summary

Consultation Code: 08ENVD00-2018-SLI-0731

Event Code: 08ENVD00-2020-E-00914

Project Name: Pleasant Valley Interceptor Reach 3 Wastewater Improvement Project

Project Type: WASTEWATER PIPELINE

Project Description: Replacement of old and installation of new wastewater pipeline.

Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/39.40098719936206N119.74542750558409W>



Counties: Washoe, NV

Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 3 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

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1. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

Fishes

| NAME | STATUS |
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| Cui-ui <i>Chasmistes cujus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/456 | Endangered |
| Lahontan Cutthroat Trout <i>Oncorhynchus clarkii henshawi</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3964 Species survey guidelines: https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/guideline/survey/population/233/office/14320.pdf | Threatened |

Flowering Plants

| NAME | STATUS |
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| Steamboat Buckwheat <i>Eriogonum ovalifolium var. williamsiae</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/413 | Endangered |

Critical habitats

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

USFWS National Wildlife Refuge Lands And Fish Hatcheries

Any activity proposed on lands managed by the [National Wildlife Refuge](#) system must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. Please contact the individual Refuges to discuss any questions or concerns.

THERE ARE NO REFUGE LANDS OR FISH HATCHERIES WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA.

Migratory Birds

Certain birds are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act¹ and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act².

Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in impacts to migratory birds, eagles, and their habitats should follow appropriate regulations and consider implementing appropriate conservation measures, as described [below](#).

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1. The [Migratory Birds Treaty Act](#) of 1918.
 2. The [Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#) of 1940.
 3. 50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)

The birds listed below are birds of particular concern either because they occur on the [USFWS Birds of Conservation Concern](#) (BCC) list or warrant special attention in your project location. To learn more about the levels of concern for birds on your list and how this list is generated, see the FAQ [below](#). This is not a list of every bird you may find in this location, nor a guarantee that every bird on this list will be found in your project area. To see exact locations of where birders and the general public have sighted birds in and around your project area, visit the [E-bird data mapping tool](#) (Tip: enter your location, desired date range and a species on your list). For projects that occur off the Atlantic Coast, additional maps and models detailing the relative occurrence and abundance of bird species on your list are available. Links to additional information about Atlantic Coast birds, and other important information about your migratory bird list, including how to properly interpret and use your migratory bird report, can be found [below](#).

For guidance on when to schedule activities or implement avoidance and minimization measures to reduce impacts to migratory birds on your list, click on the PROBABILITY OF PRESENCE SUMMARY at the top of your list to see when these birds are most likely to be present and breeding in your project area.

| NAME | BREEDING SEASON |
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| Bald Eagle <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> This is not a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) in this area, but warrants attention because of the Eagle Act or for potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1626 | Breeds Dec 1 to Aug 31 |
| Brewer's Sparrow <i>Spizella breweri</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9291 | Breeds May 15 to Aug 10 |

| NAME | BREEDING SEASON |
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| <p>Clark's Grebe <i>Aechmophorus clarkii</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.</p> | Breeds Jan 1 to Dec 31 |
| <p>Golden Eagle <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1680</p> | Breeds Dec 1 to Aug 31 |
| <p>Green-tailed Towhee <i>Pipilo chlorurus</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9444</p> | Breeds May 1 to Aug 10 |
| <p>Lesser Yellowlegs <i>Tringa flavipes</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9679</p> | Breeds elsewhere |
| <p>Long-billed Curlew <i>Numenius americanus</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5511</p> | Breeds Apr 1 to Jul 31 |
| <p>Marbled Godwit <i>Limosa fedoa</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9481</p> | Breeds elsewhere |
| <p>Pinyon Jay <i>Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9420</p> | Breeds Feb 15 to Jul 15 |
| <p>Sage Thrasher <i>Oreoscoptes montanus</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9433</p> | Breeds Apr 15 to Aug 10 |
| <p>Willet <i>Tringa semipalmata</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.</p> | Breeds Apr 20 to Aug 5 |
| <p>Willow Flycatcher <i>Empidonax traillii</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3482</p> | Breeds May 20 to Aug 31 |

Probability Of Presence Summary

The graphs below provide our best understanding of when birds of concern are most likely to be present in your project area. This information can be used to tailor and schedule your project activities to avoid or minimize impacts to birds. Please make sure you read and understand the FAQ “Proper Interpretation and Use of Your Migratory Bird Report” before using or attempting to interpret this report.

Probability of Presence (■)

Each green bar represents the bird's relative probability of presence in the 10km grid cell(s) your project overlaps during a particular week of the year. (A year is represented as 12 4-week months.) A taller bar indicates a higher probability of species presence. The survey effort (see below) can be used to establish a level of confidence in the presence score. One can have higher confidence in the presence score if the corresponding survey effort is also high.

How is the probability of presence score calculated? The calculation is done in three steps:

1. The probability of presence for each week is calculated as the number of survey events in the week where the species was detected divided by the total number of survey events for that week. For example, if in week 12 there were 20 survey events and the Spotted Towhee was found in 5 of them, the probability of presence of the Spotted Towhee in week 12 is 0.25.
2. To properly present the pattern of presence across the year, the relative probability of presence is calculated. This is the probability of presence divided by the maximum probability of presence across all weeks. For example, imagine the probability of presence in week 20 for the Spotted Towhee is 0.05, and that the probability of presence at week 12 (0.25) is the maximum of any week of the year. The relative probability of presence on week 12 is $0.25/0.25 = 1$; at week 20 it is $0.05/0.25 = 0.2$.
3. The relative probability of presence calculated in the previous step undergoes a statistical conversion so that all possible values fall between 0 and 10, inclusive. This is the probability of presence score.

Breeding Season (■)

Yellow bars denote a very liberal estimate of the time-frame inside which the bird breeds across its entire range. If there are no yellow bars shown for a bird, it does not breed in your project area.

Survey Effort (|)

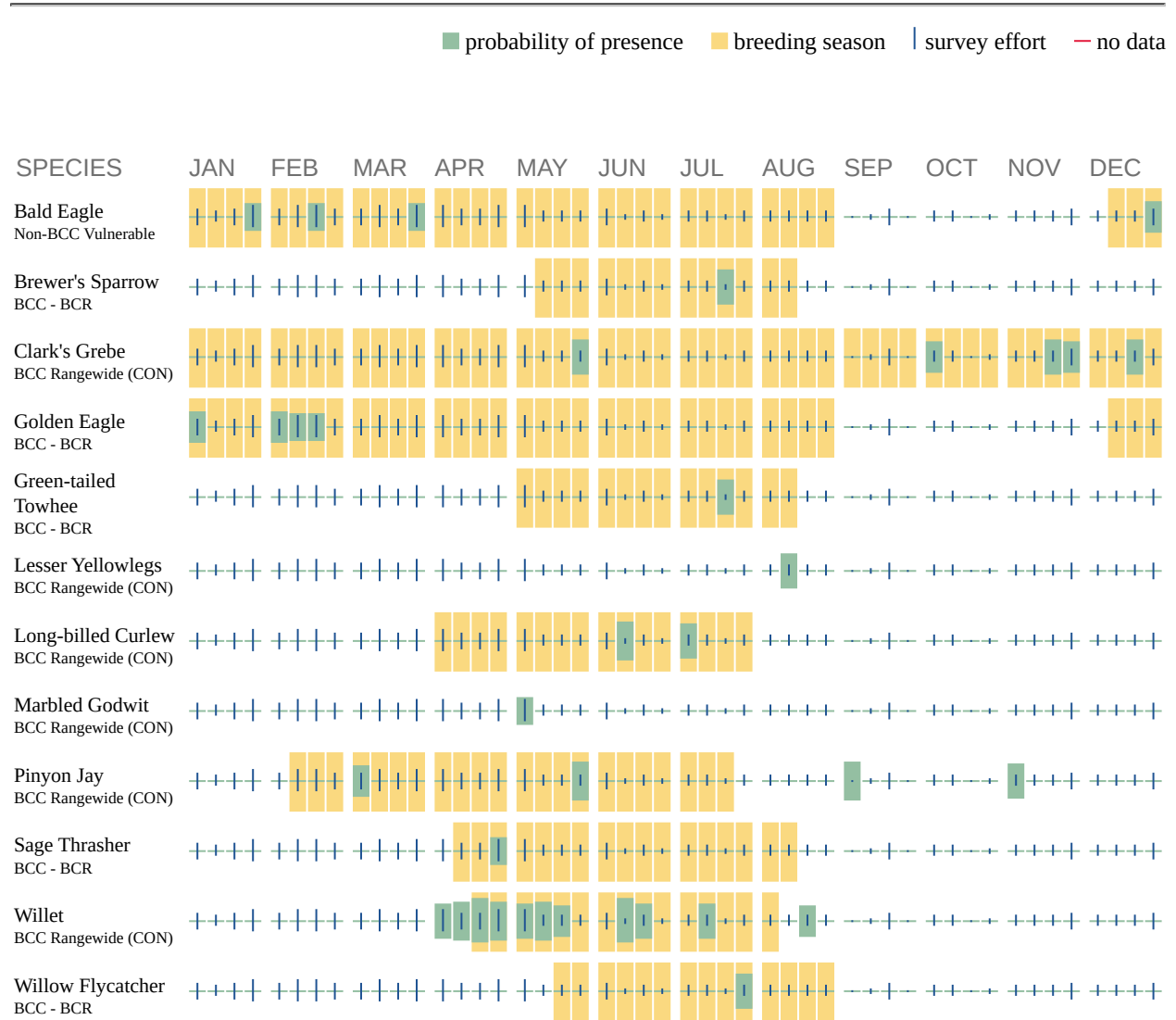
Vertical black lines superimposed on probability of presence bars indicate the number of surveys performed for that species in the 10km grid cell(s) your project area overlaps. The number of surveys is expressed as a range, for example, 33 to 64 surveys.

No Data (-)

A week is marked as having no data if there were no survey events for that week.

Survey Timeframe

Surveys from only the last 10 years are used in order to ensure delivery of currently relevant information. The exception to this is areas off the Atlantic coast, where bird returns are based on all years of available data, since data in these areas is currently much more sparse.



Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Birds of Conservation Concern <http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/birds-of-conservation-concern.php>
- Measures for avoiding and minimizing impacts to birds <http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/project-assessment-tools-and-guidance/conservation-measures.php>
- Nationwide conservation measures for birds <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/pdf/management/nationwidestandardconservationmeasures.pdf>

Migratory Birds FAQ

Tell me more about conservation measures I can implement to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds.

[Nationwide Conservation Measures](#) describes measures that can help avoid and minimize impacts to all birds at any location year round. Implementation of these measures is particularly important when birds are most likely to occur in the project area. When birds may be breeding in the area, identifying the locations of any active nests and avoiding their destruction is a very helpful impact minimization measure. To see when birds are most likely to occur and be breeding in your project area, view the Probability of Presence Summary. [Additional measures](#) and/or [permits](#) may be advisable depending on the type of activity you are conducting and the type of infrastructure or bird species present on your project site.

What does IPaC use to generate the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location?

The Migratory Bird Resource List is comprised of USFWS [Birds of Conservation Concern \(BCC\)](#) and other species that may warrant special attention in your project location.

The migratory bird list generated for your project is derived from data provided by the [Avian Knowledge Network \(AKN\)](#). The AKN data is based on a growing collection of [survey, banding, and citizen science datasets](#) and is queried and filtered to return a list of those birds reported as occurring in the 10km grid cell(s) which your project intersects, and that have been identified as warranting special attention because they are a BCC species in that area, an eagle ([Eagle Act](#) requirements may apply), or a species that has a particular vulnerability to offshore activities or development.

Again, the Migratory Bird Resource list includes only a subset of birds that may occur in your project area. It is not representative of all birds that may occur in your project area. To get a list of all birds potentially present in your project area, please visit the [AKN Phenology Tool](#).

What does IPaC use to generate the probability of presence graphs for the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location?

The probability of presence graphs associated with your migratory bird list are based on data provided by the [Avian Knowledge Network \(AKN\)](#). This data is derived from a growing collection of [survey, banding, and citizen science datasets](#).

Probability of presence data is continuously being updated as new and better information becomes available. To learn more about how the probability of presence graphs are produced and how to interpret them, go the Probability of Presence Summary and then click on the "Tell me about these graphs" link.

How do I know if a bird is breeding, wintering, migrating or present year-round in my project area?

To see what part of a particular bird's range your project area falls within (i.e. breeding, wintering, migrating or year-round), you may refer to the following resources: [The Cornell Lab of Ornithology All About Birds Bird Guide](#), or (if you are unsuccessful in locating the bird of interest there), the [Cornell Lab of Ornithology Neotropical Birds guide](#). If a bird on your migratory bird species list has a breeding season associated with it, if that bird does occur in your project area, there may be nests present at some point within the timeframe specified. If "Breeds elsewhere" is indicated, then the bird likely does not breed in your project area.

What are the levels of concern for migratory birds?

Migratory birds delivered through IPaC fall into the following distinct categories of concern:

1. "BCC Rangewide" birds are [Birds of Conservation Concern](#) (BCC) that are of concern throughout their range anywhere within the USA (including Hawaii, the Pacific Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands);
2. "BCC - BCR" birds are BCCs that are of concern only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA; and
3. "Non-BCC - Vulnerable" birds are not BCC species in your project area, but appear on your list either because of the [Eagle Act](#) requirements (for eagles) or (for non-eagles) potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities (e.g. offshore energy development or longline fishing).

Although it is important to try to avoid and minimize impacts to all birds, efforts should be made, in particular, to avoid and minimize impacts to the birds on this list, especially eagles and BCC species of rangewide concern. For more information on conservation measures you can implement to help avoid and minimize migratory bird impacts and requirements for eagles, please see the FAQs for these topics.

Details about birds that are potentially affected by offshore projects

For additional details about the relative occurrence and abundance of both individual bird species and groups of bird species within your project area off the Atlantic Coast, please visit the [Northeast Ocean Data Portal](#). The Portal also offers data and information about other taxa besides birds that may be helpful to you in your project review. Alternately, you may download the bird model results files underlying the portal maps through the [NOAA NCCOS Integrative Statistical Modeling and Predictive Mapping of Marine Bird Distributions and Abundance on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf](#) project webpage.

Bird tracking data can also provide additional details about occurrence and habitat use throughout the year, including migration. Models relying on survey data may not include this information. For additional information on marine bird tracking data, see the [Diving Bird Study](#) and the [nanotag studies](#) or contact [Caleb Spiegel](#) or [Pam Loring](#).

What if I have eagles on my list?

If your project has the potential to disturb or kill eagles, you may need to [obtain a permit](#) to avoid violating the Eagle Act should such impacts occur.

Proper Interpretation and Use of Your Migratory Bird Report

The migratory bird list generated is not a list of all birds in your project area, only a subset of birds of priority concern. To learn more about how your list is generated, and see options for identifying what other birds may be in your project area, please see the FAQ “What does IPaC use to generate the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location”. Please be aware this report provides the “probability of presence” of birds within the 10 km grid cell(s) that overlap your project; not your exact project footprint. On the graphs provided, please also look carefully at the survey effort (indicated by the black vertical bar) and for the existence of the “no data” indicator (a red horizontal bar). A high survey effort is the key component. If the survey effort is high, then the probability of presence score can be viewed as more dependable. In contrast, a low survey effort bar or no data bar means a lack of data and, therefore, a lack of certainty about presence of the species. This list is not perfect; it is simply a starting point for identifying what birds of concern have the potential to be in your project area, when they might be there, and if they might be breeding (which means nests might be present). The list helps you know what to look for to confirm presence, and helps guide you in knowing when to implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize potential impacts from your project activities, should presence be confirmed. To learn more about conservation measures, visit the FAQ “Tell me about conservation measures I can implement to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds” at the bottom of your migratory bird trust resources page.

Wetlands

Impacts to [NWI wetlands](#) and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District](#).

Please note that the NWI data being shown may be out of date. We are currently working to update our NWI data set. We recommend you verify these results with a site visit to determine the actual extent of wetlands on site.

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APPENDIX C

Steamboat Buckwheat Botanical ACEC - BLM

Table I
Proposed ACECs Found to Meet the
Relevance and Importance Criteria

| ACEC | Recommended Acres |
|---|------------------------------|
| Black Mountain/Pistone Archaeological District (internally proposed) | 3,414 |
| Carson Wandering Skipper (existing ACEC) | 323 |
| Churchill Narrows Buckwheat Botanical (externally proposed) | 6,428 |
| Clan Alpine Greater Sage-Grouse (externally proposed) | 98,428 |
| Desatoya Greater Sage-Grouse (internally and externally proposed) | 105,058 |
| Dixie Valley Toad (externally proposed) | 413 |
| Fox Peak Cultural (externally proposed) | 48,391 |
| Greater Sand Mountain (internally and externally proposed) | 17,066 |
| Grimes Point Archaeological (internally and externally proposed) | 15,877 |
| Incandescent Rocks Scenic (existing ACEC) | 1,103 |
| Lassen Red Rock Scenic (internally proposed) | 757 |
| Namazii Wunu Cultural (externally proposed) | 158,264 |
| Pah Rah High Basin Petroglyph (existing ACEC) | 5,260 |
| Pine Nut Bi-State Sage-Grouse (internally and externally proposed) | 100,415 |
| Pine Nut Mountains Williams Combleaf Botanical (internally proposed) | 317 |
| Ruhenstroth Paleontological (internally proposed) | 2,334 |
| Sand Springs Desert Study Area (internally proposed) | 55 |
| Steamboat Buckwheat Botanical (internally proposed) | 80 |
| Stewart Valley Paleontological (existing ACEC) | 15,930 |
| Tagim aša Cultural (externally proposed) | 81,753 |
| Virginia City National Landmark Historic District (externally proposed) | 14,700 |
| Virginia Mountains Greater Sage-Grouse (externally proposed) | 105,206 |
| Virginia Range Williams Combleaf Botanical (existing ACEC) | 473 |
| Total | 782,044 |

Table 2
Summary of the Existing and Proposed ACECs in the Planning Area Determined to Meet the Relevance and Importance Criteria

| Name of Proposed ACEC | Proposed Internal or | Values Assessed | Relevance Criteria Supported | Importance Criteria Supported | Comments |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Steamboat Buckwheat Botanical | Internal | Botanical | 3 | 1, 2, 3 | <p>station was buried under sand for close to 100 years prior to being excavated by University of Nevada, Reno in 1977.</p> <p>The Steamboat buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum ovalifolium</i> var. <i>williamsiae</i>) is federally listed as an endangered species and is listed by the State of Nevada as critically endangered. The habitat for the Steamboat buckwheat was created from a unique natural process in which the sinter soils were created from hydrothermally altered bedrock. While the natural process has diminished with urbanization of the area, it continues to occur. The right balance of soil type, soil moisture, and elements within the soil are critical for the survival of this endemic species.</p> |
| Proposed: 80 acres | | | | | |
| Recommended: 80 acres | | | | | <p>The Steamboat area is also habitat for the altered andesite buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum robustum</i>), a BLM sensitive species. The plant species is limited to soils which have been altered by</p> |

Table 3
Summary of the Proposed ACECs in the Planning Area Determined Not to Meet the Relevance and Importance Criteria

| Name of Proposed ACEC | Proposed Internal vs. External | Values Assessed | Comments |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| | | | <p>5,120 acres of the area was closed to motorized use (Federal Register Notice Vol 53, No 179). It was recommended that this site be designated as the Petersen Ridge "Recreation Lands", however, at the time of designation, recreation lands was no longer a valid designation so the name was changed to the Petersen Mountain Natural Area through Federal Register Notice Vol 49, No. 213 in November 1984. The area could appropriately be designated as a Special Recreation Management Area which would allow for protection of the recreational values it has been managed for the last 30 years. This area does not meet the relevance and importance criteria to be designated as a natural area ACEC in the RMP revision.</p> |
| <p>Steamboat Hot Springs Geyser Basin</p> <p>Proposed: 41 acres</p> | Existing | Geologic | <p>The Steamboat Hot Springs Geyser Basin ACEC is a 41 acre site originally designated in 1984 Reno Master Framework Plan. The ACEC was established to protect and interpret the unique geyser field and related thermal features found at Steamboat Hot Springs. At one time, the geysers were considered to be the third most active geyser area in the U.S. but the formerly active geysers have reportedly become inactive resulting in the cessation of hot water flowing upon the surface. No surface expression currently exists at this site. Therefore, the existing ACEC no longer meets the relevance and importance criteria.</p> |
| <p>Stillwater Greater Sage-</p> | External | Biological | <p>No leks have been identified, and there is no documented occupation of available habitat. Therefore, the area does not meet the relevance</p> |

Steamboat Buckwheat Botanical

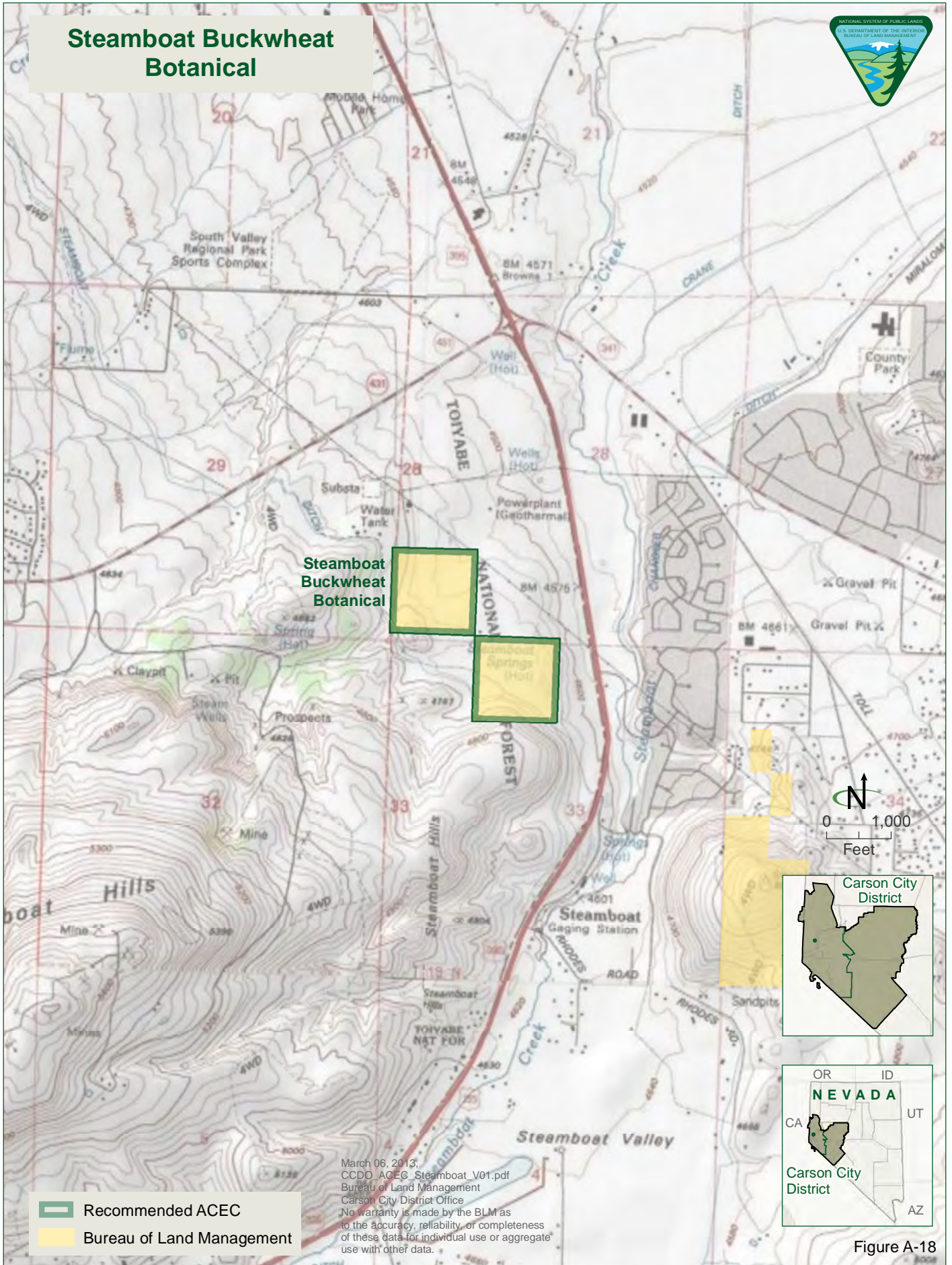


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APPENDIX D

Nationwide Standard Conservation Measures - Migratory Birds

NATIONWIDE STANDARD CONSERVATION MEASURES

Listed below are effective measures that should be employed at all project development sites nationwide with the goal of reducing impacts to birds and their habitats. These measures are grouped into three categories: General, Habitat Protection, and Stressor Management. These measures may be updated through time. We recommend checking the Conservation Measures website regularly for the most up-to-date list.

1. General Measures

- a. Educate all employees, contractors, and/or site visitors of relevant rules and regulations that protect wildlife. See the Service webpage on [Regulations and Policies](#) for more information on regulations that protect migratory birds.
- b. Prior to removal of an inactive nest, ensure that the nest is not protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) or the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA). Nests protected under ESA or BGEPA cannot be removed without a valid permit.
 - i. See the [Service Nest Destruction Policy](#)
- c. Do not collect birds (live or dead) or their parts (e.g., feathers) or nests without a valid permit. Please visit the [Service permits page](#) for more information on permits and permit applications.
- d. Provide enclosed solid waste receptacles at all project areas. Non-hazardous solid waste (trash) would be collected and deposited in the on-site receptacles. Solid waste would be collected and disposed of by a local waste disposal contractor. For more information about solid waste and how to properly dispose of it, see the [EPA Non-Hazardous Waste](#) website.
- e. Report any incidental take of a migratory bird, to the [local Service Office of Law Enforcement](#).
- f. Consult and follow applicable [Service industry guidance](#).

2. Habitat Protection

- a. Minimize project creep by clearly delineating and maintaining project boundaries (including staging areas).
- b. Consult all local, State, and Federal regulations for the development of an appropriate buffer distance between development site and any wetland or waterway. For more information on wetland protection regulations see the Clean Water Act sections [401](#) and [404](#).
- c. Maximize use of disturbed land for all project activities (i.e., siting, lay-down areas, and construction).
- d. Implement standard soil erosion and dust control measures. For example:
 - i. Establish vegetation cover to stabilize soil
 - ii. Use erosion blankets to prevent soil loss
 - iii. Water bare soil to prevent wind erosion and dust issues

3. Stressor Management

Stressor: Vegetation Removal

Conservation Goal: Avoid direct take of adults, chicks, or eggs.

Conservation Measure 1: Schedule all vegetation removal, trimming, and grading of vegetated areas outside of the peak bird breeding season to the maximum extent practicable. Use available resources, such as internet-based tools (e.g., the FWS's Information, Planning and Conservation system and Avian Knowledge Network) to identify peak breeding months for local bird species; or, contact local Service Migratory Bird Program Office for breeding bird information.

Conservation Measure 2: When project activities cannot occur outside the bird nesting season, conduct surveys prior to scheduled activity to determine if active nests are present within the area of impact and buffer any nesting locations found during surveys.

- 1) Generally, the surveys should be conducted no more than five days prior to scheduled activity.
- 2) Timing and dimensions of the area to be surveyed vary and will depend on the nature of the project, location, and expected level of vegetation disturbance.
- 3) If active nests or breeding behavior (e.g., courtship, nest building, territorial defense, etc.) are detected during these surveys, no vegetation removal activities should be conducted until nestlings have fledged or the nest fails or breeding behaviors are no longer observed. If the activity must occur, establish a buffer zone around the nest and no activities will occur within that zone until nestlings have fledged and left the nest area. The dimension of the buffer zone will depend on the proposed activity, habitat type, and species present and should be coordinated with the local or regional Service office.
- 4) When establishing a buffer zone, construct a barrier (e.g., plastic fencing) to protect the area. If the fence is knocked down or destroyed, work will suspend wholly, or in part, until the fence is satisfactorily repaired.
- 5) When establishing a buffer zone, a qualified biologist will be present onsite to serve as a biological monitor during vegetation clearing and grading activities to ensure no take of migratory birds occurs. Prior to vegetation clearing, the monitor will ensure that the limits of construction have been properly staked and are readily identifiable. Any associated project activities that are inconsistent with the applicable conservation measures, and activities that may result in the take of migratory birds will be immediately halted and reported to the appropriate Service office within 24 hours.
- 6) If establishing a buffer zone is not feasible, contact the Service for guidance to minimize impacts to migratory birds associated with the proposed project or removal of an active nest. Active nests may only be removed if you receive a permit from your local Migratory Bird Permit Office. A permit may authorize active nest removal by a qualified biologist with bird handling experience or by a permitted bird rehabilitator.

Conservation Measure 3: Prepare a vegetation maintenance plan that outlines vegetation maintenance activities and schedules so that direct bird impacts do not occur.

Stressor: Invasive Species Introduction

Conservation Goal: Prevent the introduction of invasive plants.

Conservation Measure 1: Prepare a weed abatement plan that outlines the areas where weed abatement is required and the schedule and method of activities to ensure bird impacts are avoided.

Conservation Measure 2: For temporary and permanent habitat restoration/enhancement, use only native and local (when possible) seed and plant stock.

Conservation Measure 3: Consider creating vehicle wash stations prior to entering sensitive habitat areas to prevent accidental introduction of non-native plants.

Conservation Measure 4: Remove invasive/exotic species that pose an attractive nuisance to migratory birds.

Stressor: Artificial Lighting

Conservation Goal: Prevent increase in lighting of native habitats during the bird breeding season.

Conservation Measure 1: To the maximum extent practicable, limit construction activities to the time between dawn and dusk to avoid the illumination of adjacent habitat areas.

Conservation Measure 2: If construction activity time restrictions are not possible, use down shielding or directional lighting to avoid light trespass into bird habitat (i.e., use a 'Cobra' style light rather than an omnidirectional light system to direct light down to the roadbed). To the maximum extent practicable, while allowing for public safety, low intensity energy saving lighting (e.g. low pressure sodium lamps) will be used.

Conservation Measure 3: Minimize illumination of lighting on associated construction or operation structures by using motion sensors or heat sensors.

Conservation Measure 5: Bright white light, such as metal halide, halogen, fluorescent, mercury vapor and incandescent lamps should *not* be used.

Stressor: Human Disturbance

Conservation Goal: Minimize prolonged human presence near nesting birds during construction and maintenance actions.

Conservation Measure 1: Restrict unauthorized access to natural areas adjacent to the project site by erecting a barrier and/or avoidance buffers (e.g., gate, fence, wall) to minimize foot traffic and off-road vehicle uses.

Stressor: Collision

Conservation Goal: Minimize collision risk with project infrastructure and vehicles.

Conservation Measure 1: Minimize collision risk with project infrastructure (e.g., temporary and permanent) by increasing visibility through appropriate marking and design features (e.g., lighting, wire marking, etc.).

Conservation Measure 2: On bridge crossing areas with adjacent riparian, beach, estuary, or other bird habitat, use fencing or metal bridge poles (Sebastian Poles) that extend to the height of the tallest vehicles that will use the structure.

Conservation Measure 3: Install wildlife friendly culverts so rodents and small mammals can travel under any new roadways instead of over them. This may help reduce raptor deaths associated with being struck while tracking prey or scavenging road kill on the roadway.

Conservation Measure 4: Remove road-kill carcasses regularly to prevent scavenging and bird congregations along roadways.

Conservation Measure 5: Avoid planting “desirable” fruited or preferred nesting vegetation in medians or Rights of Way.

Conservation Measure 6: Eliminate use of steady burning lights on tall structures (e.g., >200 ft).

Stressor: Entrapment

Conservation Goal: Prevent birds from becoming trapped in project structures or perching and nesting in project areas that may endanger them.

Conservation Measure 1: Minimize entrapment and entanglement hazards through project design measures that may include:

1. Installing anti-perching devices on facilities/equipment where birds may commonly nest or perch
2. Covering or enclosing all potential nesting surfaces on the structure with mesh netting, chicken wire fencing, or other suitable exclusion material prior to the nesting season to prevent birds from establishing new nests. The netting, fencing, or other material must have no opening or mesh size greater than 19 mm and must be maintained until the structure is removed.
3. Cap pipes and cover/seal all small dark spaces where birds may enter and become trapped.

Conservation Measure 2: Use the appropriate deterrents to prevent birds from nesting on structures where they cause conflicts, may endanger themselves, or create a human health and safety hazard.

1. During the time that the birds are trying to build or occupy their nests (generally , between April and August, depending on the geographic location), potential nesting

- surfaces should be monitored at least once every three days for any nesting activity, especially where bird use of structures is likely to cause take. It is permissible to remove non-active nests (without birds or eggs), partially completed nests, or new nests as they are built (prior to occupation). If birds have started to build any nests, the nests shall be removed before they are completed. Water shall not be used to remove the nests if nests are located within 50 feet of any surface waters.
2. If an active nest becomes established (i.e., there are eggs or young in the nest), all work that could result in abandonment or destruction of the nest shall be avoided until the young have fledged or the nest is unoccupied. Construction activities that may displace birds after they have laid their eggs and before the young have fledged should not be permitted. If the project continues into the following spring, this cycle shall be repeated. When work on the structure is complete, all netting shall be removed and properly disposed of.

Stressor: Noise

Conservation Goal: Prevent the increase in noise above ambient levels during the nesting bird breeding season.

Conservation Measure 1: Minimize an increase in noise above ambient levels during project construction by installing temporary structural barriers such as sand bags

Conservation Measure 2: Avoid permanent additions to ambient noise levels from the proposed project by using baffle boxes or sound walls.

Stressor: Chemical Contamination

Conservation Goal: Prevent the introduction of chemicals contaminants into the environment.

Conservation Measure 1: Avoid chemical contamination of the project area by implementing a Hazardous Materials Plan. For more information on hazardous waste and how to properly manage hazardous waste, see the [EPA Hazardous Waste](#) website.

Conservation Measure 2: Avoid soil contamination by using drip pans underneath equipment and containment zones at construction sites and when refueling vehicles or equipment.

Conservation Measure 3: Avoid contaminating natural aquatic and wetland systems with runoff by limiting all equipment maintenance, staging laydown, and dispensing of fuel, oil, etc., to designated upland areas.

Conservation Measure 4: Any use of pesticides or rodenticides shall comply with the applicable [Federal and State laws](#).

1. Choose [non-chemical](#) alternatives when appropriate
2. Pesticides shall be used only in accordance with their registered uses and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to limit access to non-target species.

3. For general measures to reducing wildlife exposure to pesticides, see EPA's [Pesticides: Environmental Effects](#) website.

Stressor: Fire

Conservation Goal: Minimize fire potential from project-related activities.

Conservation Measure 1: Reduce fire hazards from vehicles and human activities (e.g., use spark arrestors on power equipment, avoid driving vehicles off road).

Conservation Measure 2: Consider fire potential when developing vegetation management plans by planting temporary impact areas with a palette of low-growing, sparse, fire resistant native species that meet with the approval of the County Fire Department and local FWS Office.

Appendix D
Soil Testing Results

Appendix E

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan

Appendix F

Prefiling Meeting Request



Washoe County, Pleasant Valley Interceptor - Reach 3 Project, Pre-Filing Meeting Request

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Hi NDEP,

On behalf of Washoe County, per the Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification Rule, this email serves as a request for the Pleasant Valley Interceptor - Reach 3 project, pre-filing meeting request.

The project will construct 2.98 miles of new sanitary sewer line between the existing Dorothy Towne Lift Station located near the intersection of Zircon Drive and Tourmaline Drive in Pleasant Valley and terminates at the point of connection with the existing Reach 2 of the Pleasant Valley Interceptor located approximately 1,290 feet south of the intersection of Damonte Ranch Parkway and Steamboat Parkway in South Reno (Figure 1).

The project has been separated into two phases, Bid Package 1 and Bid Package 2. Bid Package 1, the northern segment has been built. The current project is Bid Package 2, which is from south of Mount Rose Highway to the Brookside Mobile Home Park (Figure 2).

The project is proposing to open trench through Steamboat Creek in two locations (Figure 3). Due to this the following permits are needed: USACE 58 Utility Line Activities for Water and Other Substances, NDEP Section 401 Water Quality Certification, NDEP Temporary Permit for Working in Waters, and a NDEP Temporary Discharge Permit.

We anticipate the project starting in late May 2026.

Please let me know if NDEP would like to host a pre-filing meeting, and if so, what dates and times are best for NDEP.

Thank you,
Debra

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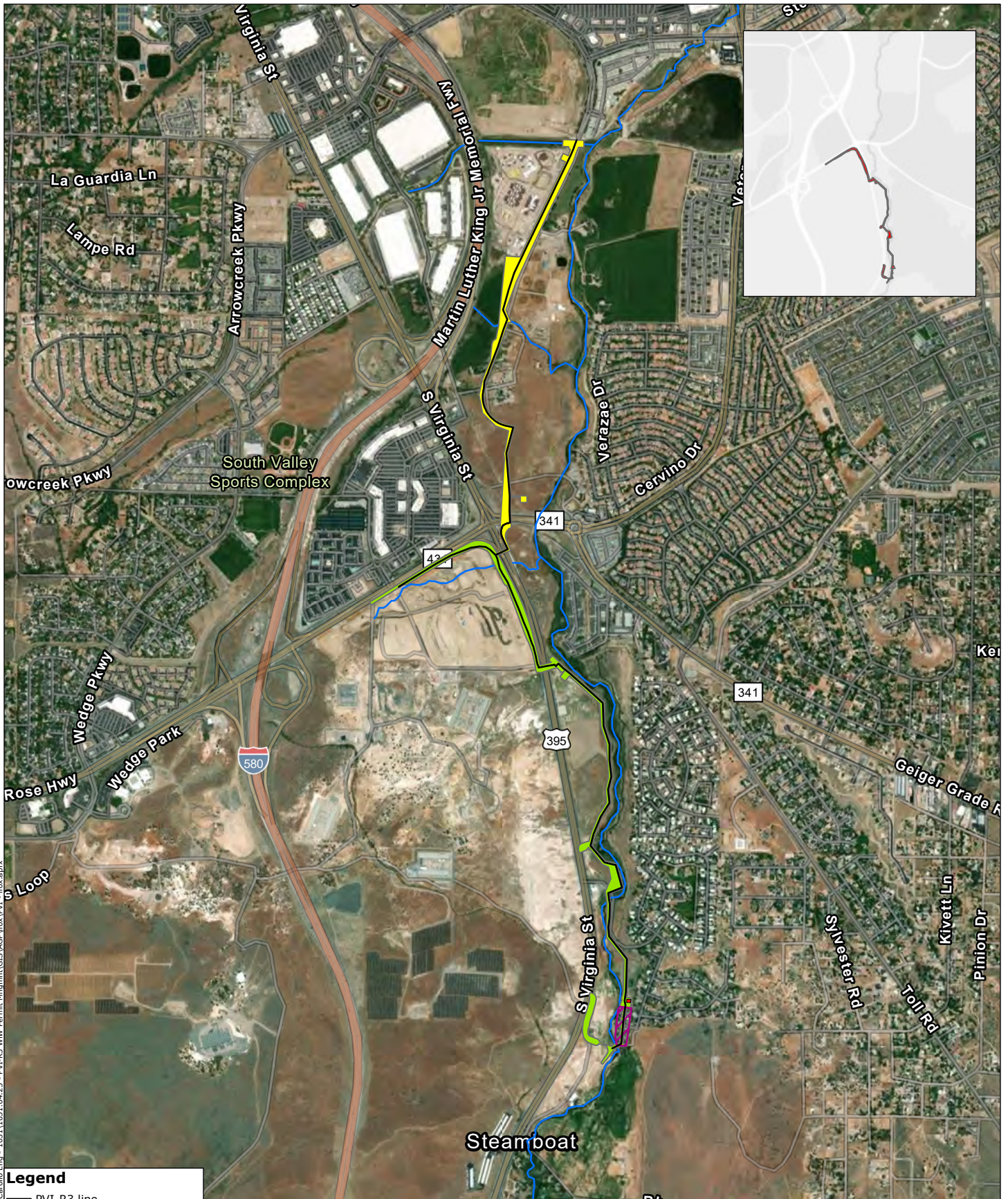
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Legend

-  PVI-R3 line
-  Major Waterway
-  Bid Package 2 Project Boundary
-  Previously Constructed
-  Brookside Mobile Home Park
-  Dorothy Town Pump Station



Pleasant Valley Interceptor - Reach 3
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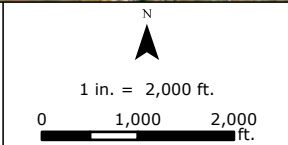


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Pleasant Valley Interceptor - Reach 3
Bid Package 2 Layout

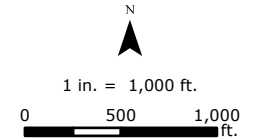








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Legend

-  Open Trench
-  PVI-R3 line
-  Major Waterway
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-  Bid Package 2 Project Boundary




Pleasant Valley Interceptor - Reach 3
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