

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

For the reasons briefly presented below and based on an evaluation of the information contained in the Environmental Assessment and other supporting references enumerated below, I have determined that

allowing limited dog field trials on specified Indiana Fish and Wildlife Areas as described in Alternative A - the Proposed Action in the Environmental Assessment

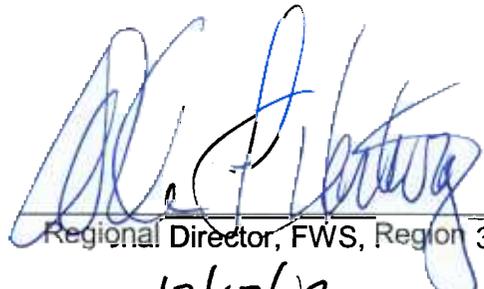
is not a major Federal action which would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. An Environmental Impact Statement will, accordingly, not be prepared.

Reasons:

1. Implementing the proposed action will allow dog trials that the public supports while putting Indiana in compliance with Federal Aid regulations.
2. No habitats will be adversely affected (EA Section 4.1.1 Page 13).
3. No animals will be adversely affected (EA Section 4.1.2 Page 13).
4. No known endangered, threatened, or candidate species or designated critical habitat will be adversely affected (EA Section 4.1.3 Pages 13 and 14, and Section 7 Determination).
5. No known historic properties will be affected (EA Section 4.1.4 Page 14, and Historic Preservation clearance).

Supporting References:

1. Environmental Assessment
2. Programmatic Review of the Indiana DNR Field Trial Program at Indiana Fish and Wildlife Areas
3. Amendment #1 to the Grant Proposal FW-22-D
4. Section 7 Endangered Species Determination
5. Historic Preservation Clearance


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