
Chapter 8

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Name and Affiliation	DEIS Responsibility and Qualifications
United States Fish and Wildlife Service	
Megan Seymour	Wildlife Biologist, EIS Project Manager B.S. Wildlife Management 13 years experience in Endangered Species Act implementation, consultation, and recovery
Melanie Cota	Wildlife Biologist, EIS Support B.S. Ecology and Field Biology, Wildlife Emphasis 4 years experience in Endangered Species Act implementation, consultation, and recovery. 8 years experience working with Federal and State- listed species.
Keith Lott	Wildlife and Fisheries Biologist M.S. Applied Ecology and Conservation Biology 5 years experience in wind energy and wildlife impacts for State and Federal agencies.
Mary Knapp	Field Office Supervisor, Project Oversight Ph.D. Human Dimensions of Watershed Management 27 years experience working with natural resources issues.
Jeff Gosse	Regional Wind Power Lead, NEPA expertise Ph.D. Wildlife Science (Fishery Biology) Five years experience as the Regional Environmental Coordinator (internal NEPA review), seven years experience as the Regional Energy Coordinator.
Rick Amidon	Regional HCP Lead B.S. Wildlife and Fisheries Management 12 years experience in HCPs, Safe Harbor Agreements, and Candidate Conservation Agreements under ESA.
TJ Miller	Chief, Endangered Species M.S. Fish and Wildlife Biology 17 years Administering the Endangered Species Program. Experience in Listing, Critical Habitat Designation, Consultation, Recovery Planning, Recovery Implementation, 5-year reviews, HCPs, Safe Harbor Agreements, and Candidate Conservation Agreements.
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	
Susan Fields	Regulatory Project Manager, Energy Resource Branch B.S. Chemistry 17 years experience with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, including 10 years within the Regulatory Division.

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Environmental Resources Management (ERM) and ERM sub-contractors	
Steve Koster, P.E.	Project Director B.S. Letters and Engineering, B.S. Civil Engineering, M.S. Environmental Engineering 22 years experience in environmental impact assessment, permitting, and impact mitigation and remediation
Julia Tims, C.W.S.	Project Manager, Wildlife, Endangered Species B.S. Entomology and Applied Ecology, M.S. Natural Resources/Ornithology 21 years of experience in terrestrial ecology with specialty in ornithology, impact assessment, threatened and endangered species management.
Dave Blaha, A.I.C.P.	Senior QA/QC B.A. Biology, Master of Environmental Management 26 years of experience with NEPA, stakeholder engagement and agency consultation
Angela Gillingham	Deputy Project Manager, Scoping, Vegetation, Wildlife B.A. Cultural Anthropology, M.E.M. Conservation Science and Policy Four years of experience with threatened and endangered species surveys, environmental impact assessments, and environmental condition assessments.
Adeyinka Afon, P.E.	Noise and Air Quality B.S. Chemical Engineering, M.S.E. Environmental Process Engineering Over 7 years of consulting experience in environmental impact assessments, feasibility studies, and environmental permitting & compliance with specialization in air quality, air emissions inventory, noise, vibration, surface water quality, and sediment quality
Jason Willey	Water Resources, Vegetation and Wildlife B.S. Biology; M.S. Environmental Science and Policy Ten years experience in environmental impact assessment, permitting, and compliance specializing in aquatic biology and fisheries.
Benjamin Sussman, A.I.C.P.	Visual Resources, Transportation, Communications, Health and Safety B.S. Science, Technology, and Society; M.S. City and Regional Planning. More than 12 years of experience in urban planning, transportation planning, and environmental impact assessment.
Jacquie Payette, RPA	Cultural Resources B.A. English, M.A. English, M.A. Anthropology 13 years experience in analysis and interpretation of federal regulations, including tribal consultation, consultation with state and federal agencies for Section 106 and NEPA compliance
Denny Matheou	Geology and Soils B.S. Civil and Environmental Engineering Four years experience in subsurface investigations and brownfield site remediation.

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Anna Ruszaj	Land Use and Recreation B.S. Biology, M.S Conservation Biology Four years experience in natural resources management on public and private lands and environmental impact assessments.
Dr. Leslie Kirchler, A.I.C.P., RPA	Land Use and Recreation, Socioeconomics, Cultural Resources B.S. City and Regional Planning; B.A. Archaeology and Anthropology; M.A. Landscape Archaeology; Ph.D. Urban, Technological, and Environmental Planning; and Ph.D. Landscape Architecture Over 8 years experience in urban and environmental planning, environmental impact statements, socio-economic evaluations, and cultural resource assessments.
Dr. Tim Carter Ball State University	Indiana Bat B.S. Forest Resources, M.S. Forest Resources, Ph.D. Zoology Assistant Professor in the Department of Biology, research focus on tree-roosting bats, particularly the Indiana bat.