RECOGNIZED QUALIFIED BOG TURTLE PHASE 2 SURVEYORS FOR THE
LAKE PLAINS/PRAIRIE PENINSULA RECOVERY UNIT IN NEW YORK
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The following list includes individuals experienced in field herpetology that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), New York Field Office (NYFO), and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Wildlife Diversity Unit currently recognized as qualified to survey for the presence of bog turtles, known as Phase 2 surveys[1], based on specific criteria. Criteria were developed by a regional partnership of state and federal biologists working in the northern population range of the bog turtle. This list may not include all individuals qualified to survey for this species. Inclusion of names on this list does not constitute endorsement by the Service or any other U.S. government agency or state agency. This list will be updated periodically by the Service.

Please note that due to the difficulties in locating individuals and/or assessing suitable habitat for bog turtles in the Lake Plains/Prairie Peninsula Recovery Unit, we strongly encourage project sponsors and/or consultants to coordinate with the NYFO and the NYSDEC prior to commencing any survey work in this region of the state.

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1 The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's "Guidelines for Bog Turtle Surveys" can be found at: http://www.fws.gov/northeast/nyfo/es/bogturtle.htm