

Note to file by Jennifer Stanhope

- Megan Stahl called me 9/20/17 to indicate that while surveying an area for a potential access road, they found a new portal in WV.
 - The unsurveyed portal is 450 m from pipeline ROW and 60 m from the access road
 - It is near [REDACTED] in Nicholas County, WV (??)
 - The access road is not in the FEIS or proposed action, but they are willing to drop it from consideration.
 - She did not know what is proposed for the access road (e.g., tree clearing/widening, grading etc). It is an existing access road
 - Does the portal need to be added to the BA? Should it be surveyed?
 - I told her that I will discuss with WVFO and my supervisor.
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- I talked to Tiernan Lennon and Troy Andersen to discuss issue.
 - I called Megan with the following recommendations:
 - They may survey it and if they find no bats, then it does not need to be included in the BA/BO, or
 - They may assume presence for bats and update their effects analysis, due to proximity to ROW and possibly access road, if they decide to pursue it.
 - If they do want to pursue the new access road, have they assessed for potential federally listed plants?
 - Report the information and additional analysis, if needed, to FERC, who should convey the information to FWS.
 - She asked if this will delay the BO. I responded it depends on what is found.