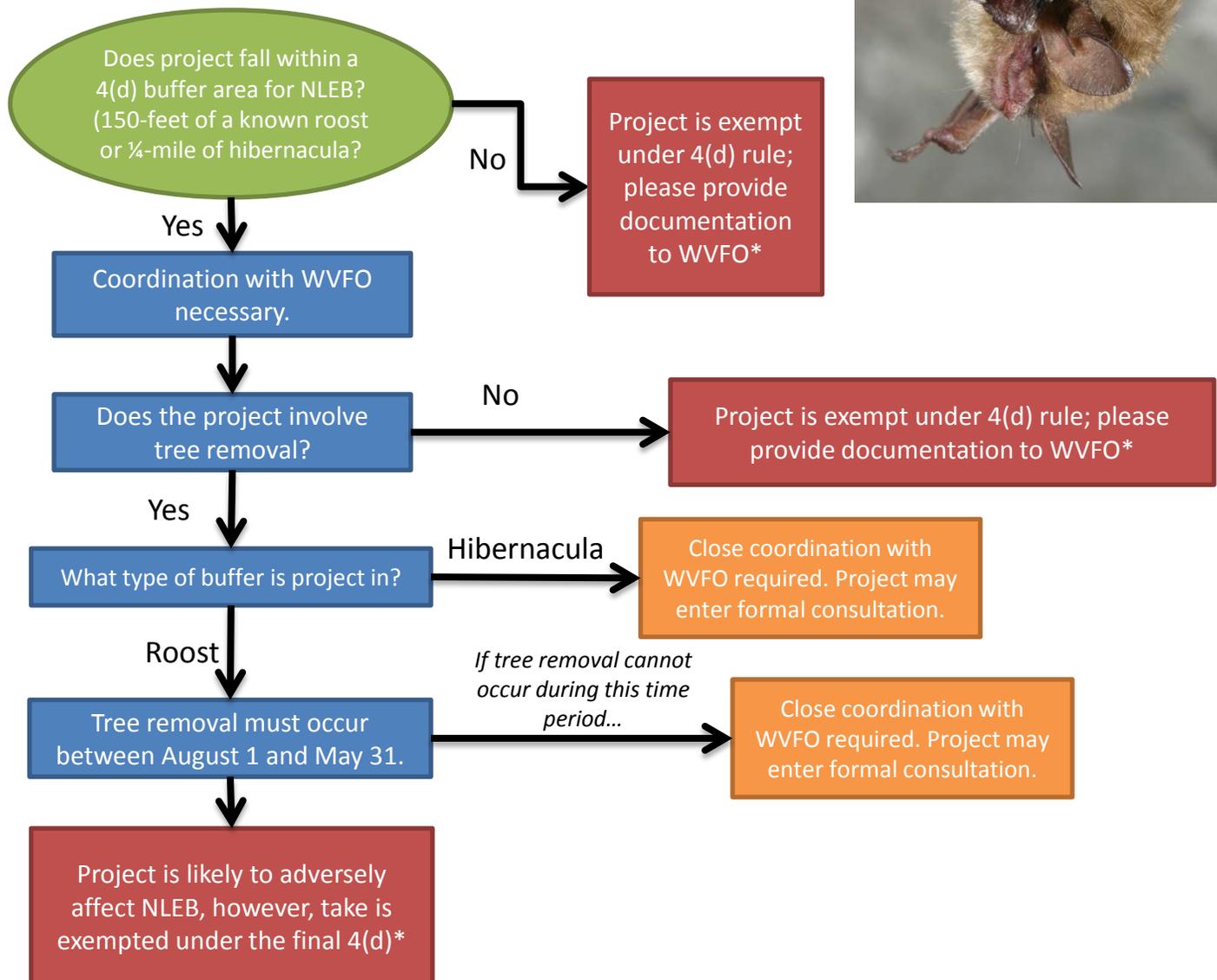


Overview: WVFO NLEB consultation process

The below process is to be implemented after the project proponent has contacted and coordinated with the WVFO to confirm whether or not a proposed project falls within known-use areas for the NLEB.

- ❖ If a project may adversely impact hibernacula, the below process will not apply. Formal consultation with the WVFO will be necessary.
- ❖ If you believe your project may comply with the final 4(d) rule for the NLEB, please include documentation to support and justify that in your project review request submittal to the WVFO.
- ❖ Any take of NLEB occurring in conjunction with activities that comply with the conservation measures(as outlined in the 4(d) rule), are exempted from section 9 prohibitions by the 4(d) rule and do not require site specific incidental take authorization.

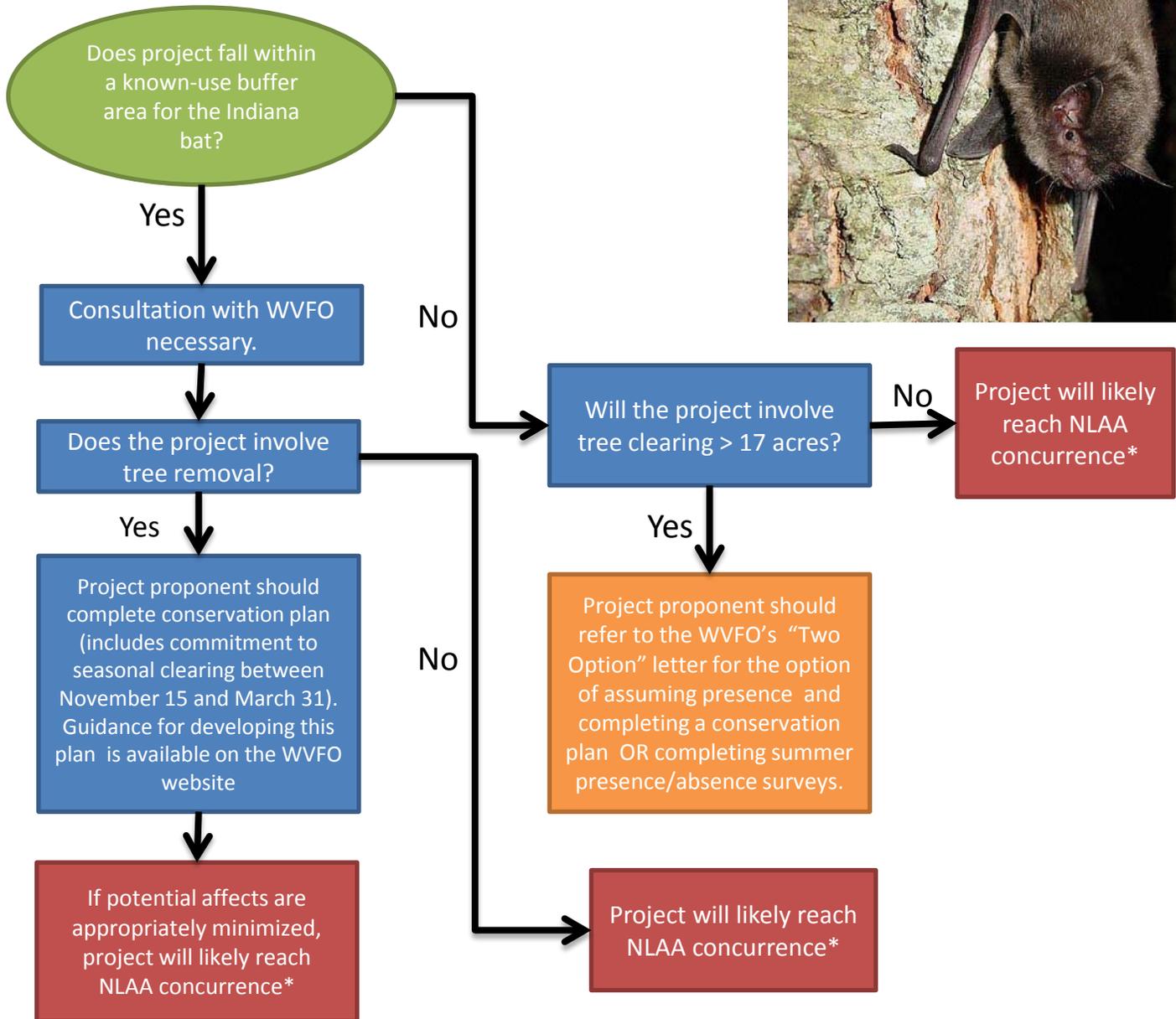
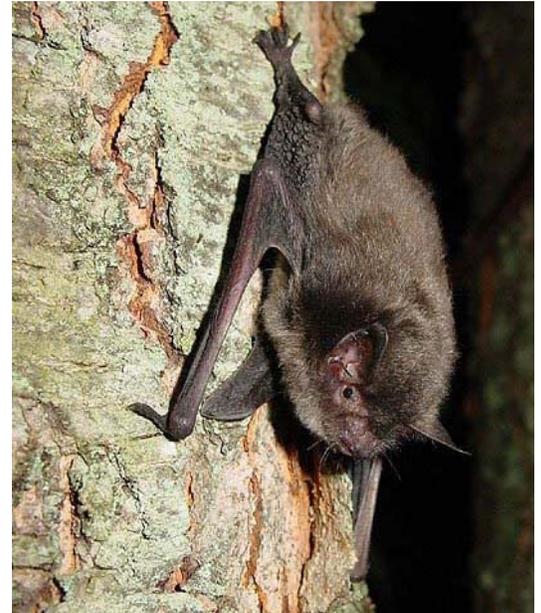


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Overview: WVFO Indiana bat consultation process

The below process is to be implemented after the project proponent has contacted and coordinated with the WVFO to confirm whether or not a proposed project falls within known-use areas for the Indiana bat.

- ❖ If project may adversely impact potential hibernacula, the below process will not apply. Formal consultation with the WVFO may be necessary.
- ❖ The below process does not apply to wind energy projects.



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