

**BEECH RIDGE HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN
ERRATA NO. 1
DECEMBER 3, 2013**

Section 1.5, Covered Species

In the last paragraph, delete “All three of these species have been documented through mist-netting as occurring in the Project area. If one or more of these species become listed prior to issuance of the ITP, BRE may seek to include such newly listed species as covered species in the HCP. If any of these species become listed during the permit term, BRE may do so by formally amending the ITP following the process outlined in Section 8.4.3 of the HCP. To facilitate either scenario...” Retain “BRE also has included information on the biology and current status of these species in Appendix B of this HCP.”

Section 2.1.4.3, Decommissioning and Restoration

Add bullet 5 “Meteorological towers and the O&M facility would be removed.”

Section 2.1.4.4 Environmental Conservation and Mitigation Measures, Surface and Ground Water Protection

After “Water withdrawal from streams for the purposes of dust control will be accomplished in a manner that preserves stream flows during withdrawal” and “In addition, water used for dust suppression during phase II construction and during decommissioning of the entire Project will be taken from local perennial creeks/ponds within the Project area, thus minimizing impacts to intermittent and ephemeral headwater streams.” add “So as not to dewater streams, BRE also will follow West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) water withdrawal guidance, and use an on-line mapping tool and common sense to judge when it is appropriate to remove water from streams.”

Section 2.1.4.4 Environmental Conservation and Mitigation Measures, Noxious Weed Management and Herbicide Application

After “14-mile-long (22-km-long) transmission line corridor (an area of about 88 acres)” add “and the 1.6 mile-long (2.6-km-long) supplemental transmission line corridor”.

Section 5.3 Off-site Habitat Conservation

After “For Virginia big-eared bats, BRE will achieve the goal by funding implementation of a gating project at a known hibernaculum.” add “Cave gating projects will be conducted outside of the winter hibernation season.”

Section 5.3.1 Requirements for All Mitigation Projects

Add footnote to No. 3 at “restoration”. Footnote: maternity habitat restoration will be conducted outside of the summer maternity season; winter hibernacula gating will occur outside the winter hibernation season.

No. 10. Delete “Hunting/Trapping/Collection”

No. 10. After “Mechanized vehicles/equipment” add “unless tailored to maintain/restore the values of the conservation area or a species’ needs.”

Appendix C, Section 3.2.4.4 Personnel Training

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After “wildlife discovered at the Project.” add “BRE searcher training will be completed annually prior to April 1.”

Appendix C, Section 4.2 Reporting

After item No. 4, add “The Scientific Report will include, at a minimum, the following information:

1. Quantity and species composition of observed bat carcasses, including covered species carcasses.
2. Estimates including 95% confidence intervals of total mortality of all bats, *Myotis* species, and covered species using searcher efficiency and carcass removal trial and search area adjustments.
3. An estimate of covered species probability of carcass detection.
4. Cumulative estimated Indiana bat and Virginia big-eared bat take for permit term to date.
5. Specific conditions, dates, locations, and circumstances of each observed covered species carcass

6. Weather conditions during nights preceding and during carcass searches.
7. Adaptive management measures implemented.
8. Raw data of bat carcasses in Excel spreadsheet format.
9. Summary of carcass search dates, location, and time.
10. Injured bat reporting forms and rehabilitator reports.
11. Subsequent year’s research and monitoring plan and description of adaptive management measures to be implemented.
12. Subsequent year’s monitoring cost estimate.”

Appendix C, Section 5.1

After “BRE estimates that up to” change “4.3” to “4.5.”

Appendix C, Section 5.1, No. 1

After “If, in any year, the number of estimated Indiana bat fatalities exceeds” change “4.3” to “4.5.”

Appendix H. Restrictions, Prohibitions on mechanized vehicles/equipment.

After “artificial roosts for Indiana bats,” add “installing and repairing cave gates,”