

Specialist Concurrence¹		
Table-Block and Subject	Signature	Date
1-1 Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Regional Forester Sensitive Species (RFSS)-- Botany	/s/ Dan Sperduto	6/3/2022
1-1 ESA and RFSS--Wildlife	/s/ William O’Neill	9/14/2022
1-2 Floodplains, Wetlands, Municipal Watersheds	/s/ Erica Roberts	3/8/2022
1-3a Designated Wilderness Areas	/s/Travis Pellerin	3/1/2022
1-3b Appalachian Trail	/s/Travis Pellerin	3/1/2022
1-3c Designated or Eligible Wild and Scenic Rivers	/s/Theresa Corless	3/15/2022
1-4 Roadless Area Conservation Rule (RACR)	/s/Theresa Corless	3/15/2022
1-5 Research Natural Areas	/s/ Patrick Moran	3/11/2022
1-6 and 1-7 American Indians and Alaska Native Religious or Cultural Sites; Historic Properties	/s/ Sarah Jordan	10/19/2022
2-1 Soils	/s/ Patrick Moran	3/11/2022
2-2 Scenery/Visual Resources	/s/ Ken Allen	07/18/2022
2-3 Public Health and Safety/Accessibility	/s/ Ken Allen	07/18/2022
2-4 Forestry/Vegetation	/s/ Josh Sjostrom	10/20/2022
2-5 Recreation	/s/Travis Pellerin	3/1/2022
2-6 Wildlife (non-ESA or RFSS)	/s/ William O’Neill	3/15/2022
2-7 Water Resources, Riparian and Aquatic Habitats	/s/ Erica Roberts	3/8/2022
2-8 Non-native Invasive Species (NNIS)	/s/ Dan Sperduto	6/3/2022
2-9 Fuels/Fire Management	/s/ Shannon Marie Gurney	3/1/2022
3-1 Land Survey	/s/ Josh Sjostrom	10/20/2022
3-2 Engineering	/s/ Scott Lees	3/16/2022
3-3 Special Uses	/s/ Tom Moore	3/17/2022

¹ Do not provide concurrence signatures until corresponding information in Tables 1-3 has been fully completed.

Table 1. Extraordinary Circumstances per FSH 1909.15(30)²

1. ESA and RFSS and Habitat	Botany	Wildlife
	(Y/N)	(Y/N)
Are T&E species or suitable habitat possible in the project area?	N	Y
Is any designated or proposed critical habitat present in the project area?	N	N
Are RFSS possible in the project area?	Y	Y
Is a field visit recommended?	Y	N
Are conservation measures needed?	N	N
Will the proposed action potentially have measurable effects on T&E species?	N	N
Will the proposed action potentially have measurable effects on RFSS?	N	N
Determination of Effects under ESA	Mark one: Botany	Wildlife
1. No effect to species or critical habitat	X	X
2. May affect northern long-eared bats, but incidental take not prohibited under final 4(d) rule		
Was a streamlined consultation form submitted? (Y + date, or N/NA)		
3. May affect, but is not likely to adversely affect species or critical habitat ³		
Has concurrence from FWS been received? (Y + date, or N/NA)		
4. May affect, and is likely to adversely affect species or critical habitat ⁴		
Has the Biological Opinion been received? (Y + date, or N/NA)		
Determination of Effects to RFSS	Check one: Botany	Wildlife
1. Will not result in a trend toward federal listing or loss of viability	X	X
2. Will result in a trend toward federal listing or loss of viability		
Additional Information (Briefly describe design features, Standards & Guidelines, rationale for field visit, resource effects, etc.)		
Botany: Some potential for RFSS, but likely small. RFSS and habitat will be checked for during NNIS survey. Field survey conducted May 2022 did not reveal any RFSS plants or habitat. No effects. Bio: No NLEB consultation required due to no trees over 3" dbh being removed. Project occurs in highly disturbed and maintained powerline right of way. There is potential milkweed and wildflowers within the mowed right of way, important for monarch butterflies and yellow-banded bumblebees, both RFSS species. Keeping the vegetation in the right of way mowed ensures the floral resources continue to flourish in the ROW's and not be lost from letting the forest encroach into the ROW opening turning it into a forested area.		
2. Floodplains, Wetlands, and Municipal Watersheds	(Y/N/NA)	
Have necessary state and/or federal permits been obtained ⁵ ?	Required	
Is a field visit recommended?	N	
Are design features needed?	N	
Will the proposed action potentially have measurable effects on any of these resources?	N	
Additional Information (Briefly describe design features, Standards & Guidelines, rationale for field visit, resource effects, etc.)		
BMPs will be implemented to mitigate any potential impacts; Proponent will obtain all necessary permits; Forest Service rep to oversee project implementation.		
3a. Designated Wilderness Areas	(Y/N/NA)	
Is a Minimum Requirements Decision Guide (MRDG) required?	NA	

² The mere presence of one or more of these resource conditions does not preclude use of a categorical exclusion. It is the degree of the potential effect of a proposed action on these resource conditions that determines whether extraordinary circumstance exist.

³ Informal consultation under section 7 is required.

⁴ Formal consultation under section 7 is required.

⁵ Clean Water Act permitting is not required prior to a decision, but must be obtained prior to implementation.

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Has additional approval been obtained, if needed (e.g., Regional Forester for helicopter use)?	NA
Is a field visit recommended?	NA
Are design features needed?	NA
Will the proposed action potentially have measurable effects on this resource?	NA
Wilderness Area Name(s)	
Additional Information (Briefly describe design features, Standards & Guidelines, rationale for field visit, resource effects, etc.)	
3b. Appalachian National Scenic Trail	(Y/N)
Is a field visit recommended?	N
Are design features needed?	N
Will the proposed action potentially have measurable effects on this resource?	N
Additional Information (Briefly describe design features, Standards & Guidelines, rationale for field visit, resource effects, etc.)	
3c. Designated or Eligible Wild and Scenic Rivers	(Y/N)
River Name(s) and Type(s) Upper Ammo	Y
Is a field visit recommended?	N
Are design features needed?	N
Will the proposed action potentially have measurable effects on this resource?	N
Additional Information (Briefly describe design features, Standards & Guidelines, rationale for field visit, resource effects, etc.)	
4. Roadless Area Conservation Rule	(Y/N/NA)
Area Name(s)	N/A
Is a field visit recommended?	
Are design features needed?	
Will the proposed action potentially have measurable effects on this resource?	
Is Regional Forester or Forest Supervisor review complete, if needed (specify who in comments)?	
Additional Information (Briefly describe design features, Standards & Guidelines, rationale for field visit, resource effects, etc.)	
5. Research Natural Areas (RNAs)	(Y/N/NA)
RNA Name(s) <i>(if applicable)</i>	NA
Is a field visit recommended?	N
Is Research and Development concurrence complete, if needed?	N
Are design features needed?	N
Will the proposed action potentially have measurable effects on this resource?	N
Additional Information (Briefly describe design features, Standards & Guidelines, rationale for field visit, resource effects, etc.)	

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6. American Indians and Alaska Native Religious or Cultural Sites 7. Archaeological Sites, or Historic Properties or Areas	(Y/N/NA)
Is a field visit recommended?	Y
Will the proposed action potentially have measurable effects on religious or sacred sites?	N
Will the proposed action potentially have measurable effects on historic properties?	N
Are design features needed?	N
Is tribal coordination required?	N
Is tribal coordination complete?	N/A
Determination of Effects under NHPA	Mark one:
1. No potential to affect historic properties	
2. No historic properties affected	X
3. No adverse effect to historic properties	
4. Adverse effect to historic properties	
Has the SHPO concurrence been received? (Y + date, or N/NA)	Y -10/19/2022
Additional Information (Briefly describe design features, Standards & Guidelines, rationale for field visit, resource effects, etc.)	
Prepared by Eversource consultant	

Table 2. Other Resources

1. Soils	(Y/N)
Is a field visit recommended?	N
Will the proposed action potentially have measurable effects on this resource?	N
Additional Information (Briefly describe design features, Standards & Guidelines, rationale for field visit, resource effects, etc.)	
2. Scenery/Visual Resources	(Y/N)
Is a field visit recommended?	N
Will the proposed action potentially have measurable effects on this resource?	N
Additional Information (Briefly describe design features, Standards & Guidelines, rationale for field visit, resource effects, etc.)	
Colors and textures of materials should be utilized to match the context of the surroundings when at all feasible.	
3. Public Health and Safety/Accessibility	(Y/N)
Is a field visit recommended?	N
Will the proposed action potentially have measurable effects on this resource?	N
Additional Information (Briefly describe design features, Standards & Guidelines, rationale for field visit, resource effects, etc.)	
4. Forestry/Vegetation	(Y/N/NA)
Is a field visit recommended?	N
Is a timber stand prescription complete, if needed?	NA
Will the proposed action potentially have measurable effects on this resource?	N
Additional Information (Briefly describe design features, Standards & Guidelines, rationale for field visit, resource effects, etc.)	

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5. Recreation	(Y/N)
Is a field visit recommended?	N
Will the proposed action potentially have measurable effects on this resource?	N
Additional Information (Briefly describe design features, Standards & Guidelines, rationale for field visit, resource effects, etc.)	
6. Wildlife	(Y/N)
Is a field visit recommended?	N
Will the proposed action potentially have measurable effects on this resource?	N
Additional Information (Briefly describe design features, Standards & Guidelines, rationale for field visit, resource effects, etc.)	
No field visit required for general wildlife in the area. No standards and guidelines necessary.	
7. Water Resources, Riparian and Aquatic Habitats	(Y/N)
Is a field visit recommended?	N
Will the proposed action potentially have measurable effects on this resource?	N
Additional Information (Briefly describe design features, Standards & Guidelines, rationale for field visit, resource effects, etc.)	
BMPs will be implemented to mitigate any potential impacts; Forest Service rep to oversee project implementation	
8. Non-native Invasive Species (NNIS)	(Y/N)
Is a field visit recommended?	Y
Will the proposed action potentially have measurable effects on this resource?	tbd
Additional Information (Briefly describe design features, Standards & Guidelines, rationale for field visit, resource effects, etc.)	
<p>Recommend survey for NNIPs given disturbance corridors and known NNIP in the vicinity (Japanese barberry, knotweed). Reed canary grass (RCG) can be seen in photo, and others should be checked for, and equipment washing should be anticipated before entering the Forest. (RCG is widespread in transportation corridors and not typically treated, but avoiding disturbance of existing patches will prevent further proliferation of this species).</p> <p>Botany survey in May 2022 revealed patches of Phragmites (common reed), common tansy along the access road corridor, and reed canary grass. Maps will be provided to Eversource.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phragmites will be avoided; if avoidance is not possible, flowering heads will be collected and disposed of safely (burned or placed in an incinerator trash stream) before protective mats are installed. • Reed canary grass will be avoided to the extent feasible. Maps depict large stands of RCG. The two patches of common tansy discovered are small and limited in extent and should be hand-pulled (preferred) or cut down before going to seed. • Forest Plan Standards and Guidelines for NNIS apply, such as equipment washing. • It is understood that crushed stone (6" minus) will be used to reinforce a solid roadbed in places; this is acceptable because crushed stone represents a low risk for NNIS importation. 	
9. Fuels/Fire Management	(Y/N)
Is a field visit recommended?	N
Will the proposed action potentially have measurable effects on this resource?	N
Additional Information (Briefly describe design features, Standards & Guidelines, rationale for field visit, resource effects, etc.)	

Table 2. Other Resources

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Table 3. Other Specialist Input

1. Land Survey		(Y/N/NA)
Is a field visit recommended?		N
Has other documentation been acquired if needed? (Include in Additional Information or provide in Attachments.)		NA
Additional Information (Briefly describe design features, Standards & Guidelines, rationale for field visit, resource effects, etc.)		
2. Engineering		(Y/N)
Is a field visit recommended?		N
Is a design package needed?		N
Additional Information (Briefly describe design features, Standards & Guidelines, rationale for field visit, resource effects, etc.)		
3. Special Uses		(Y/N/NA)
Has an application been accepted?		N/A
Is a Special Use Permit needed?		N/A
Additional Information (Briefly describe design features, Standards & Guidelines, rationale for field visit, resource effects, etc.)		

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

Completion and Review			
Responsible Official:	/s/ Josh Sjostrom	Date:	10/20/2022
	Joshua N. Sjostrom, Androscoggin District Ranger		

ATTACHMENTS (List and confirm)
SPD Section 1 (required)
Project Vicinity Map (required)