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Project: Structure repair/replacements; United Illuminating Ansonia-Derby T-Line (lines 1560 & 1594) from Ansonia substation to the T junction, north of Constitution Blvd in Derby, Ansonia & Derby, CT

Expiration: January 18, 2024

I have reviewed Natural Diversity Database (NDDB) maps and files regarding this project. According to our records, there are State-listed species (RCSA Sec. 26-306) that may occur within, or be affected by the proposed project area.

Sedge wren (*Cistothorus platensis*)- State Endangered

Location: T-Junction

This species nests in dense, tall growths of sedges and grasses in wet meadows, hayfields, retired croplands, upland margins of ponds and marshes, coastal marshes, and sphagnum bogs. They breed between May-August. Reducing disturbance to any of these habitat in your project area and enhancing wetland function will benefit this bird.

- Do not conduct work in suitable habitat near the T-Junction between May 1-August 31 unless surveys indicate birds are not present.

Bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)- State Threatened

It is illegal pursuant to section 26-93 of the Connecticut General Statutes to disturb Bald eagles. This law prohibits disturbing the birds while they are roosting, feeding, or nesting. The wildlife division recommends a 660' setback with no public access from a bald eagle nest or critical roosting site. The critical time for nesting eagles is February 1- August 1. To determine if nest or roost in your area is active this year contact the DEEP Wildlife Biologist coordinating eagle monitoring (Brian.hess@ct.gov).

I have attached a map of the area of concern where you should apply the following restrictions.

- Work activities and staging areas are prohibited within 330 feet (approximately 100 meters) of active nests/roosts that are out of line of sight, or within 660 feet (approximately 200 meters) from nests/roosts that are in the line of sight during periods of eagle use, unless surveys demonstrate that the nest or roost is not being used.
 - Critical nesting time is between February 1- August 1.
- Minimize cutting of large trees. No known bald eagle nest trees, perch trees, or roost trees will be felled or modified.



