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Shaina Phillips
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RE: Bog turtle survey evaluation at the 'Barczewski Property' (aka LaGrange)

Dear Ms. Phillips:

Please thank your client for allowing our Endangered Species biologist, Holly Niederriter, to conduct a survey of the property known as 'Barczewski' (a.k.a LaGrange) on July 27th, 2007.

All wetlands with some degree of open canopy were evaluated and none were considered to be high quality bog turtle habitat. Only one small area of seepage wet meadow was considered to be good habitat. Staff from JCM Environmental, Inc. have adequately surveyed the wetlands in terms of acreage and associated time spent. Further concerns with the reports submitted have also been addressed and rectified (phase I surveys of all wetlands, list of survey assistants, etc.). Therefore, the Delaware Division of Fish Wildlife's Endangered Species Review Requirements have been satisfied.

Due the elusiveness of the species and the proximity of the site to historical records, a result of "No Bog Turtles Found" does not conclusively confirm their absence. Bog turtles can persist in low numbers or could move into to the habitat in the future. Therefore, we recommend that impacts to the habitat be minimized.

If you require further information, please contact our Endangered Species Biologist, Holly Niederriter, at (302) 653-2880.

Sincerely,


Edna J. Stetzer
Biologist/Environmental Review Coordinator

cc: Andy Moser, Endangered Species Biologist, Chesapeake Bay Field Office, USFWS

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