



## ***Enclosure 6a***

### ***USFWS Correspondence***

### ***Black Fork Mohican HDD***



## Thomason, Buffy

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**From:** Lott, Keith <keith\_lott@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016 10:05 AM  
**To:** Thomason, Buffy  
**Subject:** Re: New Bald Eagle Nest

Thanks Buffy, I think these measures should be sufficient to avoid disturbing the nest.

Keith

On Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 10:57 AM, Thomason, Buffy <[Buffy.Thomason@energytransfer.com](mailto:Buffy.Thomason@energytransfer.com)> wrote:

Per our conversation, I pulled the HDD drawing (attached), and we were planning to have the entry on the side nearest the nest (of course). I spoke to our construction manager and he said that we will turn the drill so that the drilling rig is on the east side. That workspace begins approximately 1,380 feet from the nest, and would have much more forested area to shield the nest. I'm reattaching the aerial and kmz just for your convenience.

Thank you,

Buffy Thomason

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**From:** Thomason, Buffy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016 8:23 AM  
**To:** 'Lott, Keith' <[keith\\_lott@fws.gov](mailto:keith_lott@fws.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: New Bald Eagle Nest

Thank you for getting back to me. The HDD would definitely occur between January and July, but the only work that will occur within 660 feet is laying the tracking wires by hand. We can even commit to not cutting the trees less than 3' dbh to lay those lines. We'll just snake them through the brush and deal with it.

Thank you,

Buffy Thomason

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**From:** Lott, Keith [[mailto:keith\\_lott@fws.gov](mailto:keith_lott@fws.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016 7:19 AM  
**To:** Thomason, Buffy <[Buffy.Thomason@energytransfer.com](mailto:Buffy.Thomason@energytransfer.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: New Bald Eagle Nest

What is the likelihood that any work that needs to be done within that 660 ft buffer can be done outside of the nesting season? If that is not possible I think we'll need to discuss whether a nest disturbance permit would be appropriate or not.

Keith

On Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 12:40 PM, Thomason, Buffy <[Buffy.Thomason@energytransfer.com](mailto:Buffy.Thomason@energytransfer.com)> wrote:

Hi, Keith, have you had a chance to look at this yet by chance?

Thank you,

Buffy Thomason

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**From:** Thomason, Buffy  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 3:09 PM  
**To:** Lott, Keith ([keith\\_lott@fws.gov](mailto:keith_lott@fws.gov)) <[keith\\_lott@fws.gov](mailto:keith_lott@fws.gov)>  
**Subject:** New Bald Eagle Nest

Keith, we've identified a new bald eagle nest on the [REDACTED] property at [REDACTED] (google file and pdf attached). This is in addition to the one located last year on that same property. The

new nest is approximately 665 feet from the nearest edge of the workspace for the HDD and approximately 536 feet from the closest edge of the permanent right-of-way along the path of the drill. The only activities along the path of the drill will be foot traffic for a one-time layout of the guide wires and minor tree timing (only trees less than 3" dbh) associated with that activity, and routine monitoring by inspectors walking the path of the drill for frac-outs. The HDD is scheduled to be completed sometime between January and June 2017.

The nest is not currently occupied. Because of the limited activities within 660 feet of the nest, we believe that the HDD would have no impact on this nest if it is indeed occupied during the nesting season between January 15 and July 31. Do you concur or are there additional measures that should be incorporated to avoid impact on the nest if it is occupied during the upcoming nesting season?

Thank you,

**Buffy Thomason**

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