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Subject: Re: 21860 US-91, Park Lawn to Siphon Rd, Chubbuck
Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 3:42:52 PM

Hi Nicole,

Thanks for considering the new SWAP species list. In addition to the previous comments I provided (which are unchanged for the pollinators), the bird species on the SWAP list that have the greatest likelihood of being potentially present in the habitat found at the project site would include:

- Grasshopper Sparrow
- Sage Thrasher
- Short-eared Owl
- Bobolink
- Loggerhead Shrike
- Long-billed Curlew

The area is already highly impacted by development, but there is a chance birds may use the habitats adjacent to the road and/or the ag. field nearby. We recommend breeding bird surveys be conducted prior to ground-clearing for widening the road if construction occurs during breeding season (approx. April through July). If construction were to occur outside of that window, we would lift that recommendation.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

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Hi Becky-

David Evans and Associates, Inc is working with the Idaho Transportation Department on intersection improvements at US-91 (Yellowstone Avenue) and Siphon/New Day Park and associated roadway widening along US-91 from Park Lawn to Southside Way in Chubbuck, Idaho. We consulted with you regarding this project in April 2024 (see below); however, since that time, the species list has been updated. I have attached a detailed project description with map, as well as the SGCN identified through the IDFG Conservation Planning Tool. Thank you for your input and please reach out with any questions or additional information needed.

Thanks

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Hi Nicole,

There is no suitable habitat for cuckoo at this location so IDFG is not concerned with potential impacts from the project relative to cuckoo.

For SGCN bees/pollinators that may be present along the ROWs, the following are generalized, voluntary actions intended to benefit SGCN and responsible Transportation & Service Corridors by addressing effects of stressors (from the [2023 Idaho SWAP](#)):

- Implement the ISDA Idaho Pollinator Protection Plan (<https://agri.idaho.gov/main/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Idaho-Pollinator-Protection-Plan-1-17.pdf>).
 - Relevant BMPs from the Plan: "Rights-of-way provide nesting and egg-laying habitat for pollinators and have the potential to act as corridors for pollinator movement. When possible, rights-of-way should include flowering plants that offer nectar and pollen for pollinators. Rights-of way with native plants are especially beneficial to pollinators. Roadside maintenance requires a balancing act to control erosion, stop the spread of invasive weeds, protect driver safety, and provide attractive vistas for drivers. Once established, native plants along roadsides can fulfill all of these goals."
- Manage vegetation in transportation and utility corridors to minimize negative effects on pollinating insect SGCN and maximize beneficial effects (e.g., pollinator-friendly vegetation management including native milkweeds); <https://wafwa.org/wpdm-package/western-monarch-butterfly-conservation-plan-2019-2069/>
- Control the spread and effects of nonnative plant species, for example by washing vehicles and equipment during construction

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project and feel free to reach out with any questions.

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Ms. Johnson-

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Specifically, IDFG coordination is requested for the following Tier 1 Species of Greatest Conservation Need identified through the IDFG Conservation Planning Tool:

- Yellow-billed cuckoo
- Morrison's Bumble Bee
- Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee

I have attached a detailed project description, as well as project maps. Thank you for your input and please do not hesitate to call me if you require any additional information.

Thanks

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