

CONTACT REPORT

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FROM: Angela Gardner

TO: Dan Belin, E&E/ Travis Beck, SE Group

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SUBJECT: Northern Pass Transmission Line – Ponidcherry National Wildlife Refuge Special Use Permit to Conduct Surveys

I contacted Barry Parish to find out how to acquire a Special Use Permit to conduct surveys within the existing ROW that crosses the Ponidcherry National Wildlife Refuge. Barry asked that we send a study plan with maps indicating where we will be surveying. We need to make sure we indicate if ground disturbance will occur. I informed him that we will need a permit within the next three weeks to conduct winter tracking surveys and then we will be developing our survey plan for spring, summer and fall surveys but the study plans for those surveys would not be completed in the next three weeks. He was OK with us obtaining a Special Use Permit for the tracking surveys and then amending the permit later when we have the study plans for the other surveys.

To obtain the permit, we need to submit a request to him via email (Barry.Parish@fws.gov) with the study plan and map of survey area. Barry indicated that he can issue the permit within a day or so if he is in the office.

Barry indicated that multiple lynx and young have been observed in the Ponidcherry National Wildlife Refuge.