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Please find the following INDOT Environmental Services Division update concerning active bat season tree clearing and USFWS Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) login changes.

New INDOT Active Bat Season Tree Removal Policy

The *INDOT Active Bat Season Tree Removal Policy* has been added to the INDOT Environmental Policy [website](#).

As a matter of policy, INDOT programs projects with tree removal to occur during the inactive bat season. Occasionally, a contractor may request to remove trees outside of the specified tree removal dates, or issues with project scheduling result in trees not being removed as planned during the tree removal window. Outlined in the policy are the conditions and process that must be followed in order to request active bat season tree removal.

IPaC Login Change

The last week of December 2020, IPaC will change its sign-in process to use Login.gov. At that time, you will need an account with Login.gov to log into IPaC. IPaC will be releasing FAQ's to facilitate the change. Please note, when creating the Login.gov account use the **SAME** email address you used for the original IPaC account. This will ensure your project information is associated with the new account. Per IPaC:

"ECOS has partnered with DOI and [login.gov](#) to fulfill user authentication needs for IPaC. This service offers a single sign-on capability across several government websites and applications. Login.gov supports authentication with a PIV card if you are a Federal user, as well as other two-factor authentication methods for non-Federal users. This increases security and satisfies enhanced federal security requirements for multifactor authentication."

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