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Good Morning,

The *Using USFWS's IPaC System for Listed Bat Consultation for INDOT Project* and *INDOT Protected Species* files have been updated.

Updates to the *Using USFWS's IPaC System for Listed Bat Consultation for INDOT Project* file include:

- Updated INDOT District Environmental contacts.
- Streamlining IPaC steps with the updated INDOT Protected Species guidance.
- Updating links throughout the document.
- Adding karst information per the new guidance document entitled, *Protection of Karst Features during Project Development and Construction*.
- Adding guidance when IPaC needs updated for project scope changes.

Updates to the *INDOT Protected Species* file include:

- A large number of updates occurred throughout the document. Some of the more significant updates are summarized here, but this list is not all inclusive.
- New sections added to the guidance document:
 - Types of bat coordination that can be completed
 - Qualified individuals
 - Pollinators
 - State listed species
 - Protected species commitments and resolutions – This is a significant addition summarizing when and how commitments are added into environmental documents and appropriate resolutions to the commitments.
- Clarification on the different types of bat coordination.
- Clarification between uploading a project into the IPaC and completing the IPaC determination key.
- Clarification on guano collection, processing guano analysis results, and how long guano results are valid for.

In addition to the updates to the documents listed above the *INDOT Bat Guano Collection Form* has been added to the INDOT Environmental Policy website to be used when guano collection occurs on a bridge/structure. The form will document how guano collection occurred on the bridge/structure and consistently document the guano collection plan for agency review.

The updated documents can be found by locating the files on the INDOT Environmental Services Division, Environmental Policy website at <https://www.in.gov/indot/engineering/environmental-services/environmental-policy/>

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