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Project Name: Buckeye Partners LP - F-0005785 Pipeline Maintenance Project Mantua Ohio

Subject: Technical Assistance letter for the project named 'Buckeye Partners LP - F-0005785 Pipeline Maintenance Project Mantua Ohio' for specified threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location consistent with the All Ohio Determination Key (DKey)

Thank you for using the assisted determination keys in IPaC. This letter is provided pursuant to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service's) authority under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq), as amended (ESA). On August 11, 2026, Bruce Dickson used the All Ohio Bat DKey; dated February 09, 2026, in the Service's online IPaC application to evaluate potential impacts to federally listed bat species, from a project named 'Buckeye Partners LP - F-0005785 Pipeline Maintenance Project Mantua Ohio'.

Due to the project, type, size, and location, the Service does not have any concerns regarding federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species or proposed or designated critical habitat. If there are any project modifications during the term of this action, or additional information for listed or proposed species or their critical habitat becomes available, or if new information reveals effects of the action that were not previously considered, please contact us for additional project review.

If you have questions, or if we can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact our office at (614) 416-8993 or ohio@fws.gov.

Action Description

You provided to IPaC the following name and description for the subject Action.

1. Name

Buckeye Partners LP - F-0005785 Pipeline Maintenance Project Mantua Ohio

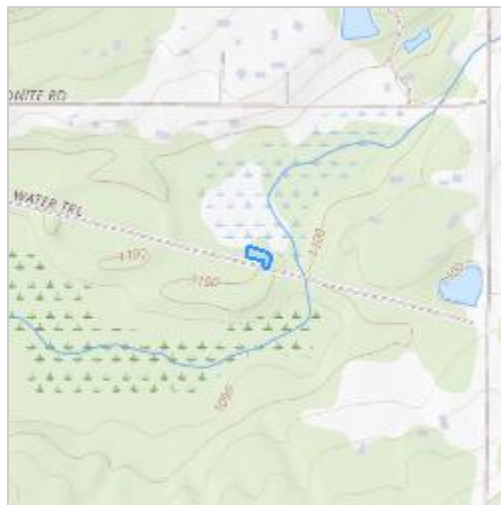
2. Description

The following description was provided for the project 'Buckeye Partners LP - F-0005785 Pipeline Maintenance Project Mantua Ohio':

Buckeye Partners liquid fuels Line 521 was found to have a pipeline defect at ~ 41.281820 -81.196665 south of Mennonite Road in Mantua Township, Portage County, Ohio. Contractors will expose, inspect, and repair the pipeline to avoid a future release. The excavation will be 20' x 10' x 7'. The site is in a mapped wetland (PEM1F) connected to a tributary to the Cuyahoga River on ODNR Managed Lands. All construction activities will be conducted from timber mats with spoil materials (segregated organic matter/top soil and subsoil) stored on timber mats. The excavation will be back-filled in reverse order of soil removal and restored to original conditions/elevations. Organic topsoil containing the wetland seed bank and rhizomes will facilitate vegetation restoration. The limit of disturbance where timber mats will be deployed will be ~ 0.25 acres (0.20 a wetland; 0.04 a upland). Project start is anticipated to be in September 2026 pending permits from USACE and ODNR.

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/@41.281699950000004,-81.19640646500378,14z>

NOTE: The location has been updated to reflect the Project's Action Area delineated in CPB.



QUALIFICATION INTERVIEW

1. Does the project involve removal, modification, or maintenance of a human-made building-like structure (barn, house, or other building) known or suspected to contain roosting bats?
No
2. Does the project involve **building, maintaining or repairing** a communications tower?
No
3. Is this an Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) project with an assigned ODOT PID?
No
4. Does the project fall under the "FHWA, FRA, FTA Programmatic Consultation for Transportation Project affecting IBAT, NLEB, or TCB"?
No
5. Does the project involve the modification, replacement or removal of an existing bridge or culvert?
No
6. Does the project involve purposeful take of listed bats (including for scientific purposes, or to enhance the survival of a species)?
No
7. Will the project involve blasting?
No
8. Does the project involve the installation or operation of wind turbines and/or solar panels?
No
9. Does the project involve aerial or other large-scale application of any chemical (including insecticide, herbicide, biopesticide, etc.)?
No
10. Is this project part of a larger phased project?
No
11. Does the project involve prescribed fire?
No
12. Does the Project Area contain any known or potential hibernacula (natural caves, mines, rocky outcroppings, tunnels, or underground quarries)?
No
13. Does the project involve clearing or trimming trees ≥ 3 " dbh?
No

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