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Subject Borrow Pits in Warrant 2445

Jeff,

This is written as your confirmation that I conducted wildlife reviews of the three proposed pit expansions in Warrant 24445 in Sheffield Township, Warren County on August 23, 2007. We were accompanied by Kelly Ristau, archeology tech on the Bradford District. The three pits are as follows: 1) off FR 148, 2) off the intersection of FR 148 and 162 and 3) off the end of FR 162. The only wildlife concerns I noted were the 5 fenced cribs in pit 1 that were installed as wildlife improvements sometime in the past. It appears that impacts to these cribs will be unavoidable if that pit is used again. There were no wildlife issues associated with pit expansion at the other two pits. Additionally, I recommended that expansion areas be confined to those areas away from plateau edges in order to protect water quality and better control erosion and sedimentation potential on steep slopes adjacent to each pit. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need more information.

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