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Steve Knapp Kleinschmidt 141 Main Street P.O. Box 650 Pittsfield, ME 04967

RE: Information Request, Trafton Road 1-95 Interchange, Waterville and Sidney

Dear Steve:

Per your request received March 29, we have searched current Department records for known occurrences of Rare, Threatened, and Endangered species, designated Essential and Significant Wildlife Habitats, and fisheries habitat concerns within the vicinity of the Trafton Road 1-95 Interchange in Waterville and Sidney. Findings for each category of protected resource are specified below.

Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species

At this time, there are no Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Species mapped in the proposed interchange site.

Essential Habitat

Currently, Essential Habitat is designated only for Piping Plovers, Least Terns, and Roseate Terns, all of which are coastal breeding species and which do not occur in this area.

Significant Wildlife Habitat

A Deer Wintering Area has been mapped at the northern section of the project area. Please contact Keel Kemper, MDIFW Regional Wildlife Biologist (547-5319), for more information.

Fisheries habitat concerns

There are several streams associated with this project area. We recommend that a 100 foot undisturbed vegetated buffer be maintained along the streams. Maintaining buffers is critical to the protection of water temperatures, water quality, and inputs of coarse woody debris necessary to support conditions required by brook trout and other fish. Stream crossings should be avoided as well. If stream crossings are necessary, they should be designed to provide adequate fish passage. We encourage you contact

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Wes Ashe, MDIFW Region B Fisheries Biologist (547-5314), for crossing design recommendations that best maintain fish passage. In addition, we recommend that any necessary in stream work or work w/in 100' of streams occur between July 1 and October 1.

This consultation review has been conducted specifically for known MDIF&W jurisdictional features and should not be interpreted as a comprehensive review for the presence of all regulated features that may occur on site. Prior to the start of any future site disturbance we recommend additional consultation with the municipality, and other state resource agencies including the Maine Natural Areas Program and Maine Department of Environmental Protection in order to avoid unintended protected resource disturbance.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions regarding this information, or if I can be of any further assistance.

Best regards,

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