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Mr. Brian Yates  
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Subject: Proposal to construct Canada Road from State Route 1 (U.S. Highway 70) to Interstate 40, Shelby County, Tennessee. (Re: FWS# 10-CPA- 0813).

Dear Mr. Yates:

Thank you for your correspondence of September 21, 2010, regarding the proposal to construct Canada Road along a partly new alignment in Shelby County, Tennessee. The Tennessee Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, is proposing to construct approximately 2.3 miles of Canada Road from State Route (SR) 1 to Interstate 40 (I-40) in Shelby County, Tennessee. The purpose of the project is to improve the major road connection between SR 1 and I-40 for enhanced regional and local transportation mobility as the existing route is shoulder deficient and fails to meet present design standards. This project is currently under agency review pursuant the Tennessee Environmental Streamlining Agreement.

Endangered species collection records available to the Service do not indicate that federally listed or proposed endangered or threatened species occur within the impact area of the project. We note, however, that collection records available to the Service may not be all-inclusive. Our data base is a compilation of collection records made available by various individuals and resource agencies. This information is seldom based on comprehensive surveys of all potential habitat and thus does not necessarily provide conclusive evidence that protected species are present or absent at a specific locality.

Information available to the Service does not indicate that wetlands exist in the vicinity of the proposed project. However, our wetland determination has been made in the absence of a field inspection and does not constitute a wetland delineation for the purposes of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The Corps of Engineers should be contacted if other evidence, particularly that obtained during an on-site inspection, indicates the potential presence of wetlands.

If you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact John Griffith of my staff at 931/528-6481 (ext. 228) or by email at [john\\_griffith@fws.gov](mailto:john_griffith@fws.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary E. Jennings". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Mary E. Jennings  
Field Supervisor