

Sara Thronson

Associate Partner

Sara is an Associate Partner and Biological Lead, specializing in natural resource management. She provides all aspects of project management pertaining to site selection, botanical and wildlife field surveys, field data management, report preparation, and agency submittals for biological permits on private and public lands. Sara manages endangered/threatened species section 7 consultations and avoidance/ mitigation plans for bats, mussels, birds and rare plants. She manages field teams, prepares and reviews final reports, as well as prepares FERC documents, Migratory Bird Treaty Act compliance planning, and post construction restoration monitoring.



Experience: 17 years' experience of consulting in natural resources and the energy sector

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Education

- M.S. Soil Science, University of Minnesota-Department of Soil, Water, and Climate, USA, 2007
- B.S. Environmental Studies, Northland College, USA, 2002

Languages

- English, native speaker

Fields of Competence

- Natural Resources
- US Forest Service
- National Environmental Policy Act
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- US Fish and Wildlife Service, Section 7 Consultation
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act

Key Industry Sectors

- Oil & Gas Midstream
- Mining
- Renewable Energy
- Environmental Baseline Studies
- Stakeholder engagement

Key Projects

Line 5 Replacement, Enbridge Energy

Routing and permitting of 40 miles of pipeline replacement to avoid Reservation Lands in northern WI. Deputy Project Manager responsible for client communications, reviewing application materials, tracking schedules and budgets for permit applications to the WI state agencies.

Alliance Capacity Expansion Project, Enbridge Energy

Compressor Station upgrades in ND, MN, and IL and 81 miles of 20 inch natural gas pipelines in ND. Project Manager responsible for developing project schedules, managing budgets, oversight of field surveys and preparation of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) pre-filing materials.

Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc., Atlantic Coast Pipeline Project

600 miles of 42-inch, 36-inch, 20-inch, and 16-inch natural gas pipelines in WV, VA, and NC. Project Manager and Biological Lead responsible for analyzing federally listed species constraints, leading US Forest Service Sensitive Species surveys and consultations, Fish and Wildlife Service Section 7 agency consultations including drafting Biological Assessments, and preparing resource report 3 for the FERC Section 7(c) application.

Spectra Energy Partners - Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, Bailey East Mine Panel 2L Project

Replacement of natural gas pipeline in Greene County, PA. Biological lead responsible to managing protected species surveys and consultations.

IPS Engineering/EPC, Bluegrass Pipeline Project

1107 miles of 24-inch-diameter natural gas liquids pipeline from WV to TX. Biological task lead involved in the regulatory planning phase of the project and responsible for managing and assisting the

permitting with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, COE, BLM, and USFS, and analyzing and summarizing federal and state permit requirements associated with the threatened and endangered species and cultural resources.

Alliance Pipeline L.P., Tioga Lateral Pipeline Project

Construction of 78 miles of 12-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline lateral across four counties in ND. Threatened and endangered species biological lead responsible for preparation of Resource Reports for the FERC; coordinated consultations with state and federal agencies; oversaw field surveys; and coordinated creation of MBTA Conservation Plan.

EI Paso Corporation, Marcellus Ethane Pipeline System Project

Abandonment of approximately 850 miles of pipeline currently transporting natural gas from LA to OH and the subsequent conversion of the pipeline to transport ethane from OH to LA. Biological lead responsible for preparation of biological portions of a FERC section 7(c) Environmental Report Application; developing permitting and implementation strategies; and participating in environmental field surveys.