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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] South Dakota project area

At this time, the only known NLEB hibernacula in South Dakota are in the Black Hills, and I'm not aware of any maternity roosts in the state (though there almost certainly are some in the Hills and could be others so far undetected).

So while the bat could occur in the area, its more likely to be migrant rather than breeding or hibernating.

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On Wed, Jun 6, 2018 at 12:54 PM, Kely Mertz <KMertz@swca.com> wrote:

Hi Natalie,

Can you share whether or not either of the attached polygons are within 0.25 mile of a known northern long-eared bat hibernacula or within 150 feet of a known maternity roost tree? Please note that these polygons are not final project boundaries.

Thank you,

Kely

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