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RE: No Effect Determination (Federal Threatened and Endangered Species)
S.P. 91-595-20, Union Depot Improvements
City of St. Paul
Ramsey County

Dear Ms. Stavish:

In response to your request, the proposed action has been reviewed for potential effects to federally-listed threatened, endangered, proposed, candidate species and listed critical habitat. As a result of this review, a determination of no effect has been made.

Section 7 of Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, requires each Federal agency to review any action that it funds, authorizes or carries out to determine whether it may affect threatened, endangered, proposed species or listed critical habitat. Federal agencies (or their designated representatives) must consult with the Service if any such effects may occur as a result of their actions. Consultation with the Service is not necessary if the proposed action will not directly or indirectly affect listed species or critical habitat. If a federal agency finds that an action will have no effect on listed species or critical habitat, it should maintain a written record of that finding that includes the supporting rationale.

Action Area

The proposed action involves the rehabilitation and reuse of Minnesota's Union Depot in the City of St. Paul.

Listed Species/Critical Habitat

In coordination with the Service and according to the official County Distribution of Minnesota's Federally-Listed Threatened, Endangered, Proposed, and Candidate Species list, Ramsey County is within the distribution range of the Higgins eye pearlymussel (*Lampsilis higginsii*), a federally-listed species. There is no listed critical habitat in the action area.

Determination

According to all available data, and based on the nature and location of the proposed action, no effect to federally-listed threatened, endangered, proposed, candidate species or listed critical habitat is anticipated.

This precludes further action under Section 7 of the Act. However, if information becomes available indicating that federally-listed species may be affected, please contact this office and consultation with the Service will be initiated if necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Alcott', written over a horizontal line.

Jason Alcott
Natural Resource Specialist, Program Coordinator

cc: Gerry Larson file