

## 2020 LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

### **BETWEEN THE CITY OF MINOT AND THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, NORTH DAKOTA FIELD OFFICE FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES PERFORMED FOR GRANTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

The following activities conducted by the City of Minot for actions using the Community Development Block Grant and HOME funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development have been determined to have “no effect” on endangered, threatened, or candidate species or their habitats and do not require further consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service).

1. Interior or exterior rehabilitation and renovations of existing residential, commercial buildings, and public facilities. These activities may involve exterior painting, replacement of doors, windows, siding, or roofing.
2. Additions onto an existing structure.
3. Renting or purchasing existing buildings
4. Demolition of structures within Minot city limits.
5. Repair or replacement of parking lots, sidewalks, roads, or other paved or graveled surfaces. Replacement or upgrading playground equipment.
6. Work done within the existing footprint of a building such as electrical, heating, plumbing, basement, and foundation repairs.
7. New construction if the City acquires an existing residential infill lot within Minot city limits, demolishes the structure on that lot, and new construction of a single-family home occurs on that residential infill lot.
8. Funding towards land acquisition of vacant land within Minot city limits that a developer will be doing new construction on.

Coordination with the Service is required for the following activities:

1. Projects that remove trees between June 1<sup>st</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> that could provide potential roosting habitat for the Northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*). Trees that provide potential roosting habitat are typically greater than 3 inches diameter at breast height.
2. Projects outside of the Minot city limits.

This Letter of Understanding will remain in effect from the date it is executed until December 31, 2025. Should additional species be listed during the effective dates of this Agreement, the Service will notify the City of Minot and any activities with the potential to impact those species will be reviewed individually by the Service.

I concur that the activities described above are not expected to have significant impact on fish and wildlife resources and individual review of the impacts to threatened or endangered species by the Service is not required.

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North Dakota Ecological Services Office Supervisor  
US Fish and Wildlife Services

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