

7. Endangered Species



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ACTIONS WITH NO IMPACTS TO FEDERALLY-LISTED SPECIES OR OTHER FEDERAL TRUST RESOURCES

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has determined that the following types of actions, individually and/or cumulatively, have no impacts to federally-listed species, federally-designated critical habitat, or any other federal trust fish and wildlife resources in Oklahoma.

- Administrative activities that do not include any physical land disturbance or alteration.
- Demolition and construction or placement of a single- or multi-family residence within a developed lot, and/or any loans or mortgages affiliated with such construction, demolition or placement, where additional ground disturbance outside of the developed lot is not necessary or is outside of 300 feet of National Wetland Inventory (NWI) mapped wetlands, wildlife refuges, fish hatcheries, wildlife management areas, or related significant fish and wildlife resources.
- Rehabilitation or renovation activities associated with existing structures (e.g., houses, buildings), including additional structures attached to or associated with the primary structure, and/or any loans or mortgages affiliated with such rehabilitation or renovation.
- Acquisition of existing structures (e.g., houses, buildings), including additional structures attached to or associated with the primary structure, and/or any loans or mortgages affiliated with such acquisition.
- Construction of safe rooms and storm shelters within existing structures or developed lots and/or any loans or mortgages affiliated with such construction.
- Purchase and placement of playground equipment within existing parks.
- Resurfacing, repairing, or maintaining existing streets, sidewalks, curbs, trails, parking lots and/or any other existing paved surfaces where additional ground disturbance, outside of the existing surface, is not necessary.
- Resurfacing, repairing, or maintaining existing airport runways, taxiways, and/or any other existing paved surfaces where additional ground disturbance, outside of the existing surface, is not necessary.
- Removal of trash and debris provided such removal does not involve soil disturbance.
- Removal of dead or dying trees in urban areas

- Placement of antennae assemblies on existing structures (e.g., buildings, water tanks, smokestacks, etc.), provided such activities do not result in total structure height greater than 199 feet, require the addition of guy wires or require alteration of the existing lighting scheme.
- Replacement of power or utility poles in existing rights-of-way that is maintained through frequent mowing, grazing, or herbicide application at a height of 20 cm (8 inches) or less.
- Actions related to the sale, lease or acquisition of land only, to be held in trust for the benefit of Federally recognized Tribes.

While unusual circumstances may occur, negating such blanket approval, our experience in reviewing similar requests over the past several years indicates that such unusual circumstances rarely occur for the above types of projects. **This letter is your blanket approval for the above defined actions in Oklahoma from the Oklahoma Ecological Services Field Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. These projects may proceed without first contacting the Service for approval. This blanket approval is valid until rescinded by the Service.**

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