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Dear Interested Party:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) invites your review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Draft Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), and Draft Implementing Agreement (IA) for an Incidental Take Permit for the Buckeye Wind Power Project. The project consists of a 100-turbine electric generation facility located in an approximately 80,051-acre area in Champaign County, Ohio. All comments must be received by September 27, 2012.

The EIS, HCP, and IA are available on the internet at: <http://www.regulations.gov> (**Docket Number FWS-R3-ES-2012-0036**); or at <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/angered/permits/hcp/r3hcps.html>.

A public meeting will be held near the action area of the HCP as follows: July 12, 2012, 4:00-8:00 p.m., Champaign County Community Center Auditorium, 1512 S. U.S. Highway 68, Urbana, OH, 43078.

Paper copies of the EIS, HCP, and IA are available for review at:

- Champaign County Library, 1060 Scioto Street, Urbana, OH 43078-2228;
- North Lewisburg Branch, 161 Winder Street, North Lewisburg, OH 43060;
- Service's Ohio Ecological Services Field Office, 4625 Morse Road, Suite 104, Columbus, OH 43230 (614/416-8993, voice; 614/416-8994, fax).
- Service's Midwest Regional Office, 10th Floor - 5600 American Blvd. W., Bloomington, MN 55437 (612/713-5350, voice; 612/713-5292, fax).

Comments should be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Electronically:* Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter **FWS-R3-ES-2012-0036**, which is the docket number for this notice. Then, on the left side of the screen, under the Document Type heading, click on the Notices link to locate this document and submit a comment.
- *By hard copy:* Submit by U.S. mail or hand-delivery to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R3-ES-2012-0036; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MS 2042-PDM; Arlington, VA 22203.

If you have questions please contact Megan Seymour at (614) 416-8993 extension 16. TTY users may contact Ms. Seymour through the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

Sincerely,

for Mary Knapp, Ph.D.
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