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Our property is adjacent to Morgan Lake State Game Refuge. We spend a good deal of time enjoying the scenery and wildlife. We are the people responsible for reporting the GPS coordinates of an active bald eagle next that is within a half mile of the proposed route. We are in favor of the no action alternative. Review of current information and situations is needed. It has been many years since this project was initiated and current needs and wants of the ares have changed. Energy cost and production have changed. Significant environmental awareness has increased.

We are aware of the Federal Governments stand on protection of the bald eagle and believe the proposed route between mile 113 and 112 is within a half mile of the breeding area of bald eagles. We have observed both adult and juvenile in the area on a regular bases. We have also observed many other wildlife including brown bear, cougar, bob cat, osprey, grey heron, kit fox, elk, owls including the pigmy and great horned owl, multiple kinds of ducks and coots, as well as many smaller birds including various wood peckers. There has even been a moose recorded on motion camera. The alternative route may benefit the bald eagles, but not the other many diverse wildlife. We believe the no action alternative best cares for our most precious commodity.

Thank you for considering our concerns,
Pat and Sue McCarthy