UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION STATEMENT

Within the spirit and intent of the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other statutes, orders, and policies that protect fish and wildlife resources, I have established the following administrative record and determined that the action of (describe action):

developing and accepting the restoration plan for the Wabash and White Rivers Freshwater Mussels. This effort intends to augment populations of rare mussels in the East Fork White River.

- [x] is a categorical exclusion as provided by 516 DM 8.5 (B) (6) and (11). No further NEPA documentation will therefore be made.
- [ ] is found not to have significant environmental effects as determined by the attached environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.
- [ ] is found to have significant effects and, therefore, further consideration of this action will require a notice of intent to be published in the Federal Register announcing the decision to prepare an EIS.
- [ ] is not approved because of unacceptable environmental damage, or violation of Fish and Wildlife Service mandates, policy, regulations, or procedures.
- [ ] is an emergency situation within the context of 40 CFR 1506.12.

Other supporting documents:

Signature Approval:

SUSAN COOPER — Digitally signed by SUSAN COOPER Date: 2023.08.03 11:36:56 -04'00'

Originator

ALESHIA KENNEY — Digitally signed by ALESHIA KENNEY Date: 2023.08.09 15:09:57 -05'00'

Midwest Region 3 NRDAR Coordinator

CHARLES TRAXLER — Digitally signed by CHARLES TRAXLER Date: 2023.08.18 12:31:11 -05'00'

Midwest Region 3, Acting Regional Director