

MINE CONTACT REPORT FORM

Date of Call: _____ **Date of E-mail:** June 27, 2023
Telephone call to: _____ **DANR Employee Contacted:** Roberta Hudson
Operator Contacted: Stan Michals
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On June 27, 2023, Stan Michals provided his comments on the SDO Services, LLC EXNI application. Below is a copy of the email with his restrictions.

From: Michals, Stan <Stan.Michals@state.sd.us>
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 1:26 PM
To: Michael X. Schlumpberger <michael.schlumpberger@midwestlithium.com>
Cc: Kempema, Silka <Silka.Kempema@state.sd.us>; Hudson, Roberta <Roberta.Hudson@state.sd.us>
Subject: RE: GF&P recommendations

Hi Michael,

At yesterday's Ingersol Mine EXNI inspection we discussed the likelihood of various bat species using any of the site's many interconnected relic mine workings. For a variety of reasons you mentioned there is a general aversion to any entry into the workings. As indicated yesterday I am still providing you critical times bats use workings.

Maternity use is May 15 through 31st of August and hibernation is October 1 through May 31st.
Essentially, should there be a need for entering the relic working please avoid these time periods.

SD/GF&P clearing guidance is as follows:

Tree clearing shall be conducted outside of the migratory bird nesting season to avoid and minimize impacts to migratory bird nesting and bats. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service identifies the 'maximum migratory bird nesting season' as extending from April 1 to July 15 annually, which is when most bird nesting occurs. Should tree clearance be required during the maximum bird nesting season, a bird survey must be conducted by a qualified wildlife biologist to identify any nesting birds in or adjacent to the proposed activity area. If nesting birds are discovered during the survey, contact GFP to determine an optimal buffer area to protect nesting in the area.

Expect to see this project recommendation in a SD exploration permit.
Thanks again for your time out yesterday.
Good luck,

Stan Michals -Energy and Minerals Coordinator

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