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Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 4:30 PM  
To: Bienz, Chrissy R  
Cc: Larson, Aric A  
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Bally West - Email review

Hi Chrissy,

Thank you for reaching out about the project in Rock Island, IL. At this time, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not going to recommend a disturbance permit for this project. If construction will be occurring in the upcoming nesting season, it is always recommend that additional nest surveys be conducted before beginning activities, as new nests could be found, or built, during project activities. If any nests are found within 660' of the project, I would recommend a disturbance permit. The Service has two types of Eagle Disturbance Take Permits ([General](#) and [Specific](#)) that can be issued when it is possible that an activity occurring near a nest could disturb the eagles according to the definition in the [Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#). If an activity is more than 660' from a bald eagle nest, a permit will not be recommended except in circumstances involving very loud, intermittent, noise such as pile-driving or blasting.

Additionally, you can visit our website where we have provided resources on best management practices for [Reducing Impacts to Migratory Birds](#). One of the resources covers [Nighttime Lighting](#) and may provide additional information that hasn't been considered yet to further reduce the effects of nighttime light (e.g. timers, dimmers, and bulbs with a warmer color spectrum). Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Thank you,

**Mary Emanuel**

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To whom it may concern,

Our client is considering a ± 10-acre development located southwest of the Interstate 280 and State Road 92 intersection in Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois (41°27'37.77"N, 90°37'6.08"W). We completed a nest survey, and did not identify nests within 660 feet of the proposed development. However, the Center for Conservation Biology denotes the Milan Bottoms (Roost -BAEA-01123) communal roost centroid is located ±0.62 miles west-northwest of the site. Additional information pertaining to the communal roost is and surrounding area is included in the attached report.

Could your office provide guidance as to whether or not seasonal construction restrictions or a disturbance permit would be required for the proposed development?

Thank you,  
Chrissy

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