



## USFWS & NDDB COMPLIANCE

November 22, 2024

The Towers, LLC  
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Re: Site Number: US-CT-5040 Telecommunications Facility  
835 Route 169, Woodstock, Connecticut  
APT Job No: CT754200

On behalf of The Towers, LLC, All-Points Technology Corporation, P.C. ("APT") performed an evaluation with respect to possible Federally- and State-listed, Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern species in order to determine if the proposed referenced telecommunication facility (the "Facility") would result in a potential adverse effect to listed species.

APT understands that a wireless telecommunications facility with associated electrical equipment is proposed in the northern portion of an agricultural property located at 835 Route 169 in Woodstock, Connecticut (the "Property").

### **USFWS**

The Federal consultation was completed in accordance with Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") rules implementing the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") and Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act ("ESA") through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's ("USFWS") Information, Planning, and Conservation System ("IPaC"). Based on the results of the IPaC review, no Federally listed<sup>1</sup> Threatened or Endangered species are known to occur on or in the vicinity of the Property.

Please refer to the enclosed official species list.<sup>2</sup> As a result of this finding, no further consultation with USFWS is required.

### **NDDB**

No known areas of State-listed species are currently depicted on the most recent CTDEEP NDDB Maps in the location of the proposed Facility. Please refer to the enclosed NDDB Map which depicts the nearest NDDB buffer  $\pm 1.85$  miles northwest of the Property. Since the proposed Facility and Property are not located within a NDDB buffer area, consultation with CTDEEP is not required in accordance with their review policy.

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<sup>1</sup> Listing under the federal Endangered Species Act

<sup>2</sup> Monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*), a Candidate species, is listed for the Property. Candidate species have no current protections under the ESA and there is no requirement to consider project impacts.

Therefore, the proposed Facility is not anticipated to adversely impact any Federal or State Threatened, Endangered or Special Concern species.

Sincerely,  
All-Points Technology Corporation, P.C.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dean Gustafson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dean Gustafson  
Senior Biologist

Enclosures

# USFWS Letter

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▶ Species List



## United States Department of the Interior

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In Reply Refer To:

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Project Code: 2025-0016372

Project Name: Vertical Bridge LLC: (VZW) Woodstock 2 CT

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

*Updated 4/12/2023 - Please review this letter each time you request an Official Species List, we will continue to update it with additional information and links to websites may change.*

### **About Official Species Lists**

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Federal and non-Federal project proponents have responsibilities under the Act to consider effects on listed species.

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested by returning to an existing project's page in IPaC.

### **Endangered Species Act Project Review**

Please visit the “**New England Field Office Endangered Species Project Review and Consultation**” website for step-by-step instructions on how to consider effects on listed

species and prepare and submit a project review package if necessary:

<https://www.fws.gov/office/new-england-ecological-services/endangered-species-project-review>

**\*NOTE\*** Please do not use the **Consultation Package Builder** tool in IPaC except in specific situations following coordination with our office. Please follow the project review guidance on our website instead and reference your **Project Code** in all correspondence.

**Northern Long-eared Bat - (Updated 4/12/2023)** The Service published a final rule to reclassify the northern long-eared bat (NLEB) as endangered on November 30, 2022. The final rule went into effect on March 31, 2023. You may utilize the **Northern Long-eared Bat Rangewide Determination Key** available in IPaC. More information about this Determination Key and the Interim Consultation Framework are available on the northern long-eared bat species page:

<https://www.fws.gov/species/northern-long-eared-bat-myotis-septentrionalis>

For projects that previously utilized the 4(d) Determination Key, the change in the species' status may trigger the need to re-initiate consultation for any actions that are not completed and for which the Federal action agency retains discretion once the new listing determination becomes effective. If your project was not completed by March 31, 2023, and may result in incidental take of NLEB, please reach out to our office at [newengland@fws.gov](mailto:newengland@fws.gov) to see if reinitiation is necessary.

#### *Additional Info About Section 7 of the Act*

Under section 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 et seq.), Federal agencies are required to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat. If a Federal agency, or its non-Federal representative, determines that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Federal agency also may need to consider proposed species and proposed critical habitat in the consultation. 50 CFR 402.14(c)(1) specifies the information required for consultation under the Act regardless of the format of the evaluation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

<https://www.fws.gov/service/section-7-consultations>

In addition to consultation requirements under Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA, please note that under sections 7(a)(1) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 et seq.), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species. Please contact NEFO if you would like more information.

**Candidate species** that appear on the enclosed species list have no current protections under the ESA. The species' occurrence on an official species list does not convey a requirement to

consider impacts to this species as you would a proposed, threatened, or endangered species. The ESA does not provide for interagency consultations on candidate species under section 7, however, the Service recommends that all project proponents incorporate measures into projects to benefit candidate species and their habitats wherever possible.

### **Migratory Birds**

In addition to responsibilities to protect threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), there are additional responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) to protect native birds from project-related impacts. Any activity, intentional or unintentional, resulting in take of migratory birds, including eagles, is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)). For more information regarding these Acts see:

<https://www.fws.gov/program/migratory-bird-permit>

<https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/bald-and-golden-eagle-management>

Please feel free to contact us at **newengland@fws.gov** with your **Project Code** in the subject line if you need more information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat.

Attachment(s): Official Species List

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## **OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST**

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

### **New England Ecological Services Field Office**

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## PROJECT SUMMARY

**Project Code:** 2025-0016372  
**Project Name:** Vertical Bridge LLC: (VZW) Woodstock 2 CT  
**Project Type:** Communication Tower New Construction  
**Project Description:** All-Points Technology Corp., P.C. (“APT”) understands that Verizon Wireless proposes to install a wireless telecommunications facility (“Facility”) at 835 Route 169 Woodstock, CT (“Site”). The location of the proposed Facility consists of disturbed upland scrub-shrub and emergent habitat with intersecting farm roads in the central portion of the Site.

**Project Location:**

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/@41.96445855,-71.98150403585777,14z>



Counties: Windham County, Connecticut

## ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES

There is a total of 1 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries<sup>1</sup>, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

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1. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

## INSECTS

NAME	STATUS
Monarch Butterfly <i>Danaus plexippus</i>	Candidate
No critical habitat has been designated for this species.	
Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743</a>	

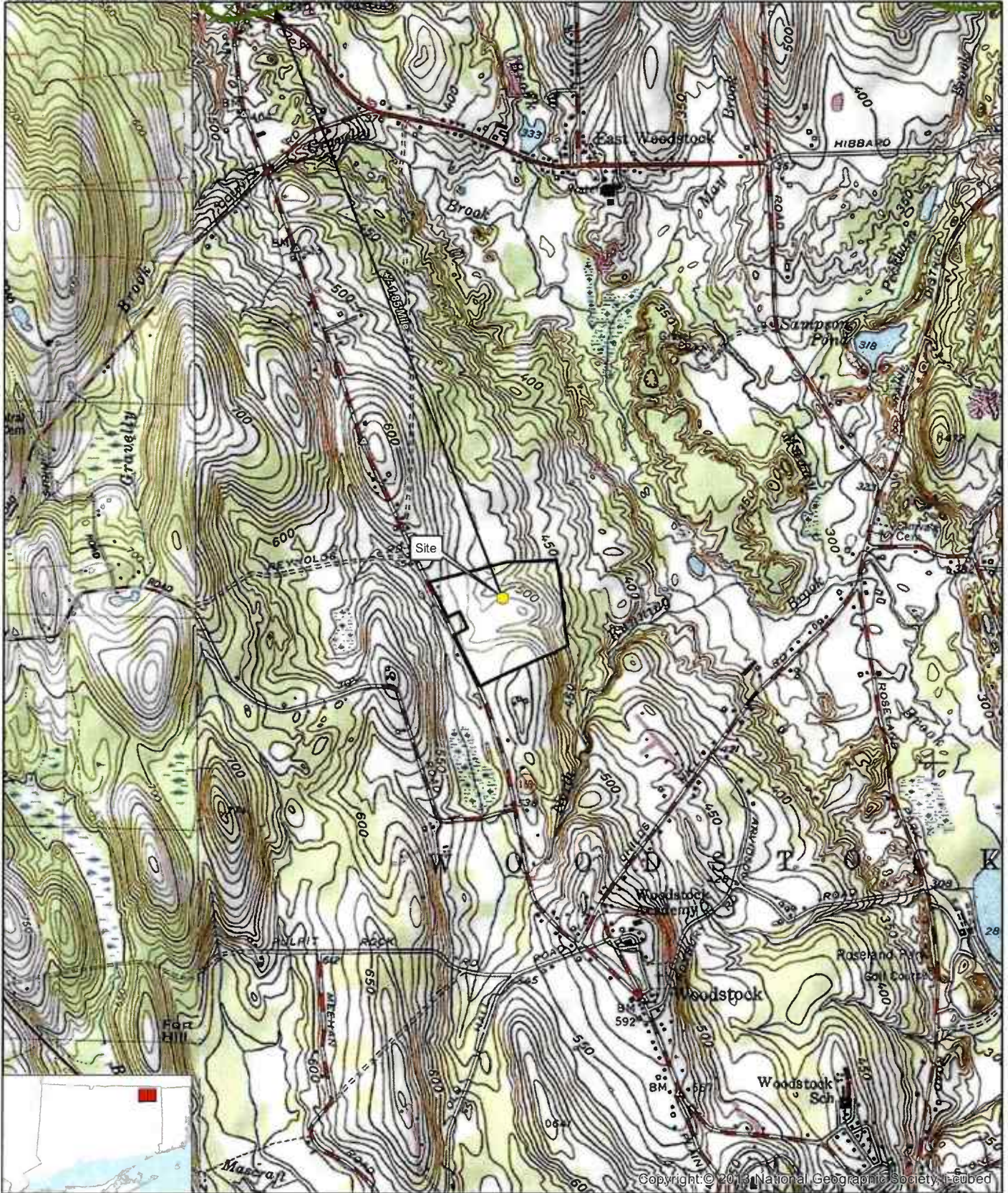
## CRITICAL HABITATS

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IF YOUR PROJECT(S) MAY HAVE EFFECTS ON ALL ABOVE LISTED SPECIES.

# NDDDB Map

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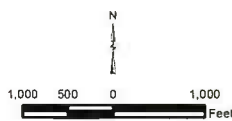


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**Legend**

-  Proposed Monopole
-  Subject Property
-  CTDEEP Natural Diversity Database (updated June 2024)

**Map Notes:**  
 Base Map Source: USGS 7.5 Minute Topographic  
 Quadrangle Maps, Eastford, CT (1983) and Putnam, CT (1970)  
 Map Scale: 1:24,000  
 Map Date: October 2024



**NDDB Map**

Proposed Wireless  
 Telecommunications Facility  
 Woodstock 2 CT  
 835 Route 169  
 Woodstock, Connecticut

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