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Request for USFWS concurrence with the determination below pursuant to Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 regarding the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*)

Date: 21 February 2012

Project/Activity: Construction, Operation and Maintenance of an In-Flight Interceptor Communications System Data Terminal (IDT) in the Cantonment Area, Fort Drum, NY

The Missile Defense Agency (MDA), in conjunction with Fort Drum, plans to construct and operate a remote In-flight Interceptor Communications System Data Terminal (IDT) in the Cantonment Area of Fort Drum, NY. This IDT would provide a communications link to help guide a Ground Based Interceptor (GBI) to its ballistic missile target.

Approximately 18 acres (7.3 ha) will be cleared to support a cluster of three IDTs, an IDT Support Facility (ISFAC), backup diesel generators, perimeter road and perimeter fencing. Currently, only one IDT will be constructed, however, the entire area needed to support future construction of the two additional facilities will be cleared.

The IDT antenna also requires a clear line of sight (LOS) above adjacent structures or natural objects. An encroachment free zone is necessary to ensure LOS is maintained throughout the life of the program. Beyond the IDT compound fence, selective clearing of trees will be required on an additional 30 acres (12.1 ha) to support LOS requirements. At 820 ft (250 m) from center line of the facility, all trees greater than 70 ft (21.3 m) tall will need to be removed, at 656 ft (200 m) all trees greater than 58 ft (17.7 m) tall, and at 328 ft (100 m) all trees greater than 35 ft (10.7 m) will be removed.

The U.S. Army Fort Drum Garrison has determined the proposed project:

may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect may affect will result in no effect

Justification:

- Please see the attached document for a detailed project description and justification for Fort Drum's Determination.

If possible, we request USFWS concurrence with this determination by COB 20 March 2012.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:

Concur with your determination and has no further ESA comments

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