

North Dakota Association of County Engineers

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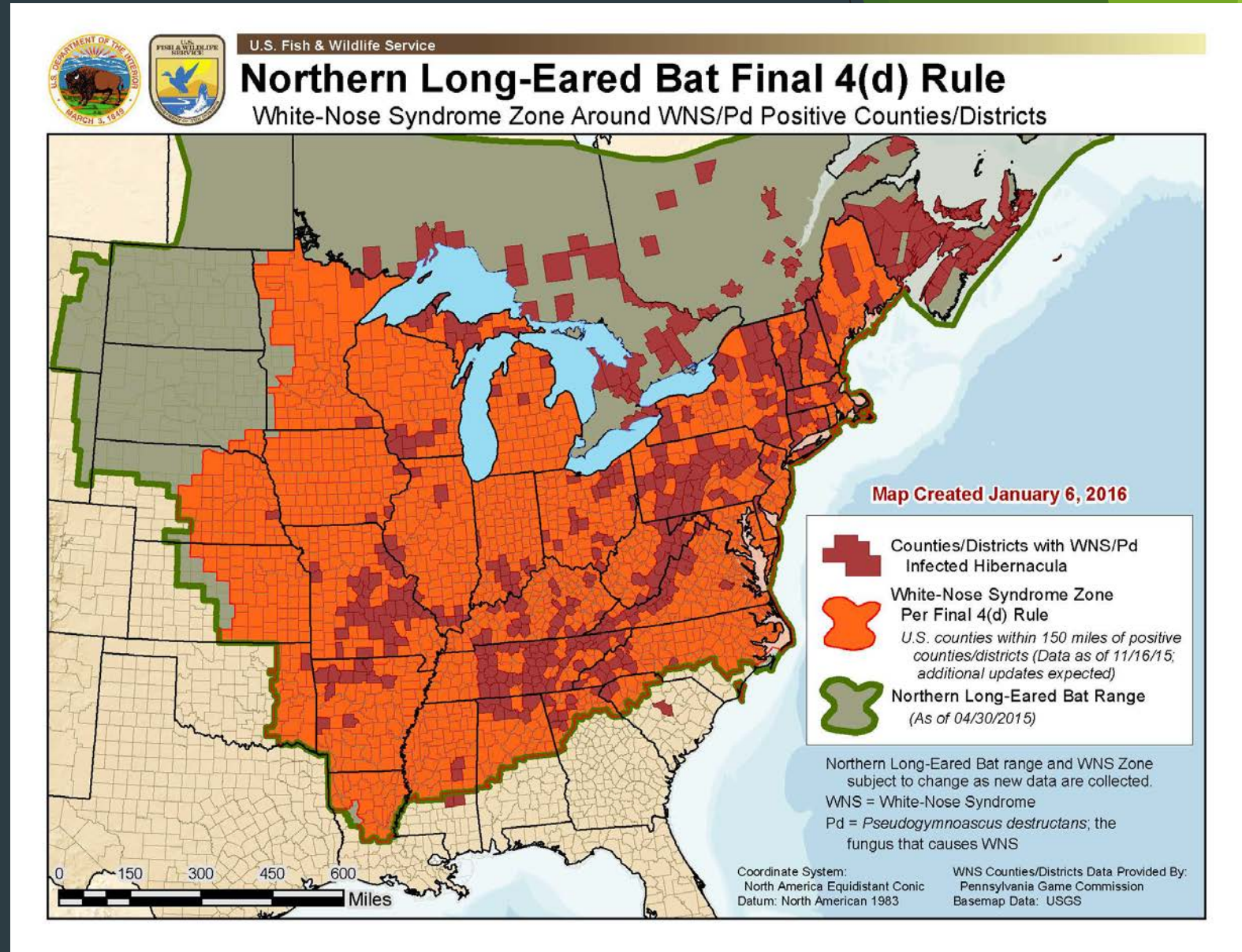
Three topics:

1. Northern Long-eared Bat
2. Wetland Delineations for Jurisdictional Determinations
3. County Maps

Northern Long-Eared Bat (NLEB)

USFWS published their final 4(d) rule for NLEB on 1/12/2016

In areas outside of the White-Nose Syndrome Zone, incidental take is not prohibited.



NLEB

- ▶ 4(d) rule goes into effect February 16, 2016
- ▶ Incidental take is defined by the ESA as take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity. For example, harvesting trees can kill bats that are roosting in the trees, but the purpose of the activity is not to kill bats.
- ▶ NDDOT working on new process
- ▶ As long as no Hibernacula or Maternity Roosts are found in ND, and White Nose Syndrome does not spread west, there are no prohibitions on tree or structure removal
- ▶ If NLEB is listed as Endangered, 4(d) rule goes away

Wetland Delineations for Jurisdictional Determinations

- ▶ USACE is considering adopting minimum standards for wetland delineations
- ▶ All delineations done for federal aid projects should follow NDDOT examples found on NDDOT website



Maps

▶ County Highway Map

- ▶ We need each county to send us a copy of their County Road/Highway Map
- ▶ We have different design standards for intersections with county and township roads

▶ If a road changes from:

- ▶ Pavement to gravel
 - ▶ Gravel to pavement
 - ▶ Unimproved to gravel
 - ▶ Etc.
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- ▶ Please let us know so our mapping section can update the county base maps

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