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Manager  
Southpoint Business Center, LLC  
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07/16/2015

RE: Manassas Gateway Business Park

Dear Mr. McCabe,

The Hadley Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Office has reviewed the materials provided by Southpoint Business Center, LLC. regarding the above referenced project and appreciates the opportunity to provide comments concerning potential effects on bald eagles.

The project proposes to clear, grade and construct two office/warehouse buildings in Prince William County, Manassas, VA.

According to the latest surveys, one bald eagle nest was near the project area, and within the 330' avoidance and minimization buffer recommended in the National Bald and Golden Eagle Management Guidelines.

Per review of your draft Eagle Take Permit Application submitted on 7/1/2015 and our phone discussions, by changing the following two time periods the eagle nesting season can be avoided altogether, deeming an Eagle Take Permit unnecessary.

- Changing –clearing and grading, from August 1, 2016 to December 15, 2016 to read; clearing and grading, from August 1, 2016 to December 1, 2016.
- Changing—building construction, from September 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017 to read; August 1, 2016 to December 1, 2016.

Building construction as it pertains to eagle disturbance in this scenario will only include major construction activities such as underground utilities, paving and exterior shell of the building. Interior and minor outside and construction can continue outside of this window without disturbing nesting eagles.

Thank you for your interest in protecting the Manassas eagles and facilitating the eagle nesting season in your construction plans. If you have any questions about the issues discussed above, please call Scott Frickey at (413) 253-8577 or [scott\\_frickey@fws.gov](mailto:scott_frickey@fws.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Slocumb". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "V" and a long, sweeping underline.

Valerie Slocumb  
Migratory Bird Permits Chief