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SKELLY AND LOY ADDS USFWS QUALIFIED BAT SURVEYOR TO ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

James A. Sinclair Brings 16 years of Wildlife Management/Threatened & Endangered Species Experience



HARRISBURG, PA – August 22, 2016 - [James A. Sinclair](#), a US Fish and Wildlife Service Qualified Bat Surveyor, joined Skelly and Loy's wildlife management team, bringing more than 16 years of experience, particularly with surveys and biological consultations for federally endangered and threatened bat species. Mr. Sinclair also performs surveys for bat species that are not threatened or endangered as well as other mammal species, including the Pennsylvania threatened Allegheny woodrat and Pennsylvania endangered Northern flying squirrel. He also performs habitat assessments, assists with watercourse and wetland identification and delineation, and technical and summary report writing.

Mr. Sinclair is currently performing mist netting for federally listed bats as part of the West Virginia Division of Highways' the Corridor H project, a four-lane expressway stretching 130 miles from Weston to the Virginia State Line. Although much of the highway is open or currently under construction, a considerable amount of the proposed roadway is still under design or undergoing environmental evaluation. He is also completing a survey for potential roost trees and mist netting for federally listed bats for a roadway project in Danville, West Virginia.

Mr. Sinclair has seven years' experience working in wildlife disease dynamics research. He conducted research projects involving small mammal disease and parasite transmission, studying host-parasite, parasite-parasite dynamics, disease, and parasite intensity on white-footed and deer mice, Eastern chipmunk, and vole species in Pennsylvania. Mr. Sinclair has performed mist netting and harp trapping for bat species, habitat assessment, and hibernaculum surveys in caves and mines in Pennsylvania. As part of his intensive study of bats, he developed a method for quantification of white-nose syndrome infection intensity using ultraviolet photographs of bat wings.

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Mr. Sinclair earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from The Pennsylvania State University. He is an active member of The Wildlife Society, North Eastern Bat Working Group (NEBWG), and North American Society for Bat Research (NASBR).

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