I. Scope and Applicability

Corridor management activities will be conducted with consideration of the Karner blue butterfly (Kbb) and in a manner that will allow for continued beneficial disturbance management within the High Potential Range of the Kbb.

This guideline is applicable to all corridor management activities that may occur within the High Potential Range of the Kbb. Corridor management activities include routine, planned, and maintenance activities that may occur on utility rights-of-way, roadsides, logging roads, recreation trails and other linear features.

This guideline does not apply to construction activities, emergency situations, forestry management practices, and recreational management or conservation management practices.

II. General Requirements

a. Pre-management surveys will be conducted prior to conducting management activities unless specifically detailed in a management protocol, emergency situations or in a specific conservation agreement (DNR’s Implementing Agreement (IA) or other partner’s Species and Habitat Conservation Agreement (SHCA)).

b. Kbb and Kbb habitat surveys will be conducted following approved HCP monitoring guidelines and protocols.

c. When Kbb are present, conservation measures described in approved HCP management guidelines and protocols will be followed.

d. In addition, partners are required to follow any specific provisions in their conservation agreements (SHCAs or IA).

III. Specific Activities

See Corridor Management flow chart for process depiction

a. If burning activities are to be used for corridor management the Burning Protocol will be implemented.

b. If mowing, brushing, or hand cutting, is to be used, the Mowing and Brushing Protocol will be implemented.

c. If cable plowing will be used the Cable Plowing Protocol will be implemented.

d. If pesticides are to be applied for corridor management, the Pesticide Protocol will be implemented.
e. If plowing snow on corridors the Snow Plowing Protocol will be implemented.

f. If doing recreation trail or woods trail maintenance including grading, bulldozing, ditching, widening, re-routing of trails, etc., refer to Construction Management Guideline.

g. For facility and equipment inspections the following is applicable:
   i. All lupine areas will be avoided to the greatest extent practicable.
   ii. Pre-management surveys are **not required**.

h. For routine maintenance and construction activities that would result in short term take of occupied Kbb habitat that would temporarily remove all vegetation, but will be replaced within 5 years, follow the Construction Management Guideline.

i. For construction or other activities that result in permanent take of occupied Kbb habitat, consult with DNR’s HCP Coordinator as soon as possible to determine appropriate course of action.

IV. Referenced Documents


Corridor Management Flow Chart

Corridor Management Guideline

Construction Management Guideline

Construction What type of activity will you be conducting?

Management and Maintenance

Conduct level 1 and level 2 (presence/absence) survey Not Sure?

Are Kbb Present? Yes No Proceed with activity, no further restrictions

What type of Activity are you planning?

Mowing or Vegetation Management Cable Plowing Pesticide Application Snow Plowing Habitat Restoration


Key

Document Decision Activity

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