I. Scope and Applicability

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

This guideline is applicable to all Limited Partner activities that may occur within the High Potential Range of the Kbb. Limited Partner activities include routine, planned, emergency and maintenance activities that may occur on partner lands, easements, or public rights-of-way.

This guideline does not apply to forestry management practices, recreational management or conservation management practices.

II. General Recommendations/Requirements

a. Pre-management Lupine surveys will be conducted prior to management activities unless specifically detailed in a Management Protocol, emergency situations or in a specific Species and Habitat Conservation Agreement.

b. In those areas where Lupine is identified, these lupine areas will be treated as if they are occupied, unless approved presence/absence surveys are conducted. In these areas specific management protocols will be implemented. See section III for these protocols.

c. Post-Management Surveys are not required for limited partners.

d. Limited partners will maintain records of the surveys conducted and management actions taken. These activities will be summarized on the annual report form.

e. Compensatory mitigation is not required for corridor maintenance activities. Compensatory mitigation may be required for some construction activities. See the Mitigation Protocol for more information.
III. Specific Activities

See Limited Partner Guideline flow chart for process depiction

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

b. If pesticides are to be applied for corridor management, the Pesticide Protocol will be implemented.

c. If plowing snow on corridors the Snow Plowing Protocol will be implemented.

d. 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.

e. For other activities that may involve short-term take not described herein, consult with DNR to determine appropriate actions.

IV. Referenced Documents


Limited Partner Flow

Limited Partner Guideline

Construction Management Guideline

What type of activity will you be conducting?

Is Lupine present?

Not Sure?

No

Proceed with activity, no further restrictions

Yes

What type of activity are you planning?

Conduct Lupine Surveys using the limited partner survey form.

Management and Maintenance

Mowing or Vegetation Management

Pesticide Application

Snow Plowing

Habitat Restoration

Mowing and Brushing Protocol

Pesticide Use Protocol

Snow Plowing Protocol

Restoration Protocol

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