White-headed woodpecker monitoring in the Little Crow Restoration Project Area FY2017

FY17 was the first year of baseline monitoring for white-headed woodpeckers within the proposed Little Crow Restoration Project. Surveys were focused within the area identified to create and/or improve habitat for white-headed woodpeckers using R6 2012 White-headed Woodpecker Survey Protocol. Call stations were set up and approximately 2,800 acres were surveyed 2 times during May and June. Crew began vegetation measurements and documentation according to R6 2012 White-headed Woodpecker Survey Protocol. They were able to measure about 25% of the area for baseline vegetation condition (pretreatment). The plan is to complete the vegetation baseline measurements FY18. The 2nd year of baseline monitoring for white-headed woodpeckers is also planned for FY18. There were no WHWO detected during the 1st year of baseline monitoring.

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