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**EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:**

This revision to 516 DM 8 – Managing the NEPA Process – FWS, incorporates a categorical exclusion (CE) that was previously established, as well as updated citations and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s (FWS) current organizational structure and authorities.

The CE, which involves the adding of species to the list of injurious wildlife regulated under the Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42, as amended) and its implementing regulations, was established with the publication of a notice in the Federal Register (80 Fed. Reg. 66,554), effective October 29, 2015.

This CE has been in use since its Federal Register effective date, and it is now being incorporated into the Departmental Manual (DM) at 516 DM 8. The DM chapter was not simultaneously revised because updates involving other FWS and DOI organizations and staff were necessary, resulting in delays in development of the chapter.

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