

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

QUALIFIED BOG TURTLE SURVEYORS

The following list includes persons known by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to have the skills and experience to search for and successfully find bog turtles and their habitat. Any individuals handling or conducting surveys for bog turtles must first obtain a Scientific Collector's Permit from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. All permitted collector's encounters with bog turtles must be reported in writing to the Commission and Service within 48 hours. Bog turtle surveys and research should be overseen by a qualified surveyor, who should be present in the field at all times during the investigation. Surveys should be carried out in accordance with the Service's *Guidelines for Bog Turtle Surveys* (dated April 2006); exceptions should be reviewed and approved by the Service.

This information is not to be construed as an endorsement of individuals or firms by the Service or any of its employees. Persons not on this list, but who have documented experience in conducting scientific studies of, or successful searches for, bog turtles and their habitat may submit their qualifications to the Service for review. The submission must include documentation that the requestor has experience successfully locating and identifying bog turtle habitat, and successfully locating and identifying bog turtles in their wetland habitat. Additions to and deletions from this list are at the sole discretion of the Service. This list is subject to revision at any time without prior notice.

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