

Adam J. Gravel

Project Manager, Wildlife Biologist



Mr. Gravel is a Project Manager at Stantec responsible for coordinating ecological inventories and environmental resource evaluations, including wildlife population surveys, avian impact evaluations, and habitat studies. Mr. Gravel has most recently been involved in organizing and conducting large-scale natural resource investigations associated with wind power and transmission projects. He has provided permitting and expert testimonial support to several New England wind projects and is Stantec's Technical Lead for Avian Radar Surveys. His field biology experience has allowed him to conduct avian radar surveys, breeding-bird surveys, winter track surveys, bat surveys, raptor surveys, and natural community surveys in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, and New York. Mr. Gravel takes an innovative, solution oriented approach to survey design and implementation which has enabled Stantec to conduct ecological surveys in some of the Northeast's most remote and challenging locations.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Stantec Consulting. 2007-present. Project Manager.
- Woodlot Alternatives, Inc. 2004-2007. Project Manager.
- New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands. 2003. Field Research Technician.
- University of New Hampshire. 2002-2003. Research Lab Technician.
- University of New Hampshire. 2002. Field Research Assistant.

EDUCATION

BS, Wildlife Management, University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire, 2003

40-hour HAZWOPER Certified, OSHA, Topsham, Maine, 2009

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Natural Resource Services

Wind Farm Development Bird and Bat Surveys and Impact Studies, Mid-Atlantic, New England, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and New York

Mr. Gravel has managed pre-construction wind farm development surveys and impact assessments and multiple sites in the Mid-Atlantic, New England, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and New York. These assessments include habitat analyses, fatal flaw analyses, migration surveys using marine radar, acoustic bat surveys, breeding bird surveys, raptor surveys, and ecological community characterization. Mr. Gravel has effectively served as liaison between clients and regulatory agencies, to insure that studies and monitoring plans are in accordance with federal and state guidelines. Study results and determinations of risk have been provided to clients to assist with their project planning and permit applications in compliance with applicable local, state, and federal natural resource regulations.

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Hounsfield Wind Farm, Galloo Island, New York

As Project Manager for the nocturnal migration surveys conducted to determine site suitability, Mr. Gravel negotiated and designed a marine radar survey reflective of the unique location of this island site. Solutions to transport, maintenance, and site coverage were carefully determined in order to produce one of the most extensive migration surveys to date, successfully documenting avian abundance, flight patterns, and flight altitudes surrounding the site. Mr. Gravel and his project team were praised for their thoroughness and insights provided to state agencies.

Granite Reliable Wind Park, Coos County, New Hampshire

Mr. Gravel has acted as the Project Manager on this long-term project supervising and conducting a variety of natural resource surveys to assess potential concerns raised by the proposed project. Surveys included several seasons of nocturnal radar surveys, a winter track survey (to document occurrence of American marten (state threatened) within the project site, wetland and vernal pool reconnaissance surveys, multiple seasons of acoustic bat surveys, rare plant surveys, a raptor migration survey, and a Natural Community Characterization. Mr. Gravel also gave several agency presentations to summarize the multiple seasons of environmental surveys and their implications for the project. He is currently involved in the permitting process by providing expert witness testimony on behalf of Stantec and the client.

Stetson Mountain Wind Farm, Washington County, Maine

Stetson is a 57 MW generation facility consisting of 38 turbines on a 6.5-mile, low-elevation ridge in Washington County, Maine. Mr. Gravel acted as Technical Lead responsible for avian and bat studies during the planning process and assisted in the design of post-construction avian monitoring program.

Lempster Wind Project, New Hampshire

As the Project Manager, Mr. Gravel was responsible for coordinating and conducting environmental surveys and assisted in permitting for this 24 MW wind project, the first in New Hampshire. Tasks included developing and negotiating work plans with agencies, performing avian and bat studies, rare species investigations, vernal pool surveys, and providing testimonial support. Mr. Gravel was also involved in the development of post-construction monitoring protocols for the project.

Record Hill Wind Farm, Maine

Mr. Gravel acted as Project Manager for the Record Hill wind project, which is a 22-turbine, 55 MW wind project on a forested ridge environment in the western Maine mountains. For this project, he coordinated planning and feasibility studies, wetland delineations, wildlife impact studies, noise and visual impact assessments, and helped to coordinate all state and Federal environmental permitting.

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PUBLICATIONS

Pelletier, S.K., A.J. Gravel, and T.S. Peterson. Nocturnal avian flight heights relative to risk of collision with wind turbines. *Poster presentation at the National Wind Coordinating Collaborative conference in Wind Wildlife Research Meeting VII in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. October, 2008.*

Pelletier, S.K., C.W. Meinke, T.S. Peterson, and A.J. Gravel. 2008. Radar and acoustic bat surveys in pre and post-construction bird and bat mortality monitoring. *Poster presentation at the 2008 American Wind Energy Association conference in Los Angeles, California., 2008.*

Gravel, A. Windpower and Wildlife an Overview of Pre-construction Survey Methods and Results. *Presentation to State and Federal Natural Resource Agencies., 2008.*