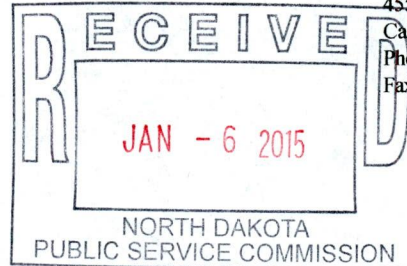


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January 2, 2015

Patrick Fahn
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Alex Loop Tree & Shrub Planting Update (PU-07-596)

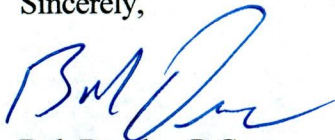
Dear Mr. Fahn:

As described in a letter to you dated 8/2/13, in order to complete the tree/shrub mitigation associated with the Alex Loop pipeline project, Belle Fourche Pipeline entered into an agreement with the North Dakota Forest Service (NDFS) to plant an additional 100 trees/shrubs in the general proximity of the North Unit of the Little Missouri National Grasslands. As described in the attached project summary report from NDFS, the planting project was completed as of December 2014. In total, 125 trees and shrubs were planted during the project and all goals were successfully met.

Belle Fourche Pipeline believes with the successful planting of the 125 trees and shrubs it has met all of the requirements of the PSC tree and mitigation plan and respectfully requests closure of the reclamation matter.

Please feel free to contact me in our Casper Office at (307) 266-0411 or via email at bob.dundas@truecos.com should you wish to discuss this matter in greater detail.

Sincerely,



Bob Dundas, P.G.
Environmental Coordinator

File: BFPL Alex Loop

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Alex Loop tree & shrub planting update, request to close

Belle Fourche Pipeline Company

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December 22, 2014

Bob Dundas
Belle Fourche Pipeline Company
Environmental Coordinator
P. O. Drawer 2360
Casper, WY 82602



Dear Mr. Dundas,

This letter serves as the Project Summary Report for the North Dakota Mitigation Tree Planting Partnership Program between the North Dakota Forest Service and Belle Fourche Pipeline Company to plant 100 trees and/or shrubs to mitigate those lost during construction of the Alexander 8-inch Crude Oil Pipeline Project. This program was financed through an award from Belle Fourche Pipeline Company to the North Dakota Forest Service.

As of December, 2014, 125 trees and shrubs have been placed on the property of a willing landowner located in the southwest quarter of Section 36, Township 141, Range 99, in Billings County. Maps of the site and specific details of the planting project are available upon request. The goal of this tree planting partnership has been met.

Thank you for the opportunity to assist Belle Fourche Pipeline Company with its mitigation tree planting obligations set forth by the North Dakota Public Service Commission. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you need further assistance or information.

Sincerely,

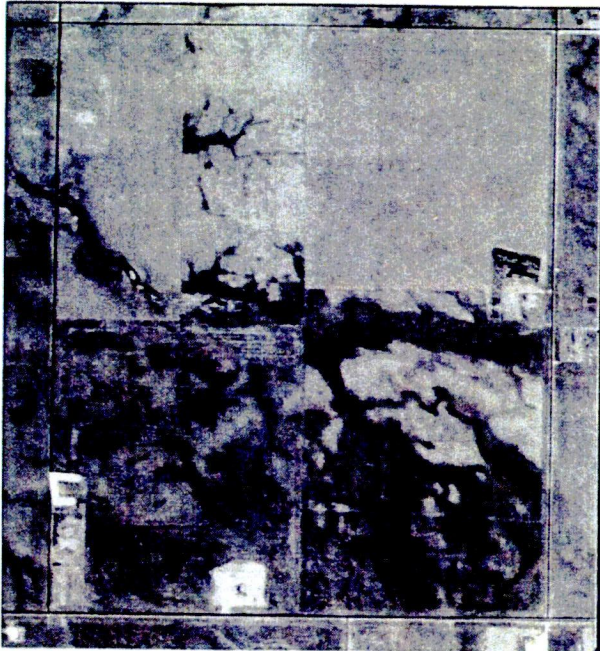
Larry A. Kotchman
State Forester

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**Tree and Shrub
Planting Plan and Record**
Scheduled Year 2014

ND-CONS-4
Revised 8/15/80
(File Code CONS-0)
(W) _____
(H) _____

Address: (on file) Phone: _____



Quarter SW Sec. 36 Twp 141 Rng. 99

Planned by: RK Planted by: A.O. + E.K.
Date: 10/30/13 Date: 5-15-14

Farmstead Field _____ Wildlife _____
Type of Land Prep: S/Fallow _____ Other _____ (specify)

New Planting Replants _____ (Date of original planting)
Staked: _____ (Date)

EQIP _____ CRP _____ WHIP _____ Other
Contract # _____ Item # _____

Between the row spacing 16
Soil Type 31B Suitability Group 9C
Protected from Grazing YES (Yes or No)

Distance from road or buildings: _____ (recommended minimum: 165' on north and west, 125' on south and east to nearest row)

Condition of site at planting time: Good
(Good, Fair, Poor)

Approved _____ (Yes or No) Date _____
By: _____ Title: _____
(Responsible Technician)

Field Number	Planning Length	Planted Length	Planted Width	Acres	Row #	Row #1 is on North or West side of planting	Spacing in Row	Number planted (Estimated)	Number Planted (Actual)	Spraying and/or Cultivating Plan and Record. (Methods of weed control, type of spray, and/or cultivation equipment, and when action is to take place)
						Species of Tree or Shrub				
1	400	407			1	Elm	10	40	36	Weed Barrier
	180	178			2	Ponderosa Pine	12	15	14	west/north
	400	387				Scotch Pine	12	33	29	south
	240	259			1	Green Ash	10	24	24	
	240	233			2	Elm	10	24	22	
										DP = #0
	1460	1464						136	125	



0 0.075 0.15 0.3 Miles

