

Bendish, Annette M.

From: Spencer, Arik L.
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2008 4:38 PM
To: Bendish, Annette M.
Cc: Wefald, Susan E.
Subject: Luverne Windfarm & North Country Trail

Importance: High

Hi Annette,

Commissioner Wefald had requested additional information from the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department as to any potential conflicts between the North Country Trail (NTC) and the proposed construction of a high-voltage transmission facility from near Luverne, ND to the Maple River Substation in Barnes and Cass Counties.

Upon reviewing information regarding the proposed corridor provided to the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department from Minnkota Power Cooperative and Otter Tail Power Company, we have determined the NTC does not enter the project area and thus is not likely to conflict with the proposed construction of a high-voltage transmission facility. The NTC does come within a half mile of the project area right at Luverne as the NTC follows County Road 25 on the west side of Luverne both north and south basically paralleling Lake Ashtabula. Future plans for trail development away from the roadway would move the trail to the west, closer to Lake Ashtabula and still not likely conflict with the proposed wind farm.

Please consider this information in addition to our previous correspondence on this proposed project and thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have any further questions on this subject please let me know.

Sincerely,

Arik Spencer
Recreation Division Manager
North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department
Phone: (701) 328-5369
Fax: (701) 328-5363
Web: www.parkrec.nd.gov