

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND NORTH DAKOTA WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE PHARMACY FEE SCHEDULES
 relating to the medication formulary.
NORTH DAKOTA WORKFORCE SAFETY & INSURANCE
 Board Room
 Century Center
 1600 East Century Ave.
 Bismarck ND
 Wed., May 4, 2011 1:00 p.m. CT
 (and will be teleconferenced to the conference room of the WSI Fargo office located 2601 12 Ave., SW, Fargo, ND)
 A copy of the proposed amendments may be obtained by writing to North Dakota Workforce Safety & Insurance, Attn: Harvey Hanel, Pharm.D., R.Ph, PO Box 5585, Bismarck, ND 58506-5585 or calling (701) 328-3800 or TTY (701) 328-3782. Written comments may be

submitted to North Dakota Workforce Safety & Insurance, Harvey Hanel, Pharm.D., R.Ph., Pharmacy Director, P.O. Box 5585, Bismarck, ND 58506-5585, until the close of business, May 11, 2011. If you plan to attend the public hearing and require special accommodations relating to a disability, please contact North Dakota Workforce Safety & Insurance at the above telephone number or address at least five days prior to hearing.
 Dated this 31st day of March, 2011
 Harvey, Hanel, Pharm.D., R.Ph.
 Pharmacy Director
 (04-07-11)

NOTICE OF NAMES OF PERSONS APPEARING TO BE OWNERS OF ABANDONED PROPERTY
 Notice is hereby given that the following persons, their heirs, executors,

administrators, successors or assigns, may be entitled to property (not real estate) which has been presumed abandoned under the Unclaimed Property Act (NDCC Chapter 47-30.1). The Act requires all businesses to file annual reports of unclaimed property. These names are from the most current annual reports. Previously reported properties which have not been claimed can be viewed at www.land.nd.gov.
 Lalim Sheila PO Box 1183 Center
 Rathjen Carol PO Box 197 Center
 For information concerning this property, or for ADA auxiliary aids, contact the Unclaimed Property Administrator via e-mail on the Internet at www.land.nd.gov, or at 1707 N 9th St, PO Box 5523, Bismarck ND 58506-5523. (701-328-2800). /s/ Lance D. Gaebe
 (3/1/2011) Land Commissioner
 (04-07-11)

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Minnkota Power Coop, Inc.
345 kV Transmission Line - Center to Grand Forks
Siting Application
Case No. PU-09-670

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARINGS
March 24, 2011

On February 18, 2011, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (Minnkota) filed an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for Transmission Facility Corridor for approximately 260 miles of 345 kV transmission line and associated facilities to be constructed from the Center Substation near Center, North Dakota to the Prairie Substation near Grand Forks, North Dakota, as shown on the attached map. Minnkota requests the Commission approve a 1,000 foot-wide corridor under N.D. Admin. Code Section 69-06-04-02(b). If a corridor certificate is granted then a separate route permit application and hearing is required before designating a transmission line

route within the approved corridor. Three separate public hearings will be held with each covering an overview of the project, but focusing on specific portions of the project in the specific areas of each hearing. A Public Hearing on the application will be held:

May 3, 2011, 9:00 a.m. at the Grand Forks County Building Conference Room, 151 S 4th Street, Grand Forks, ND 58201. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Grand Forks, Nelson and Steele Counties

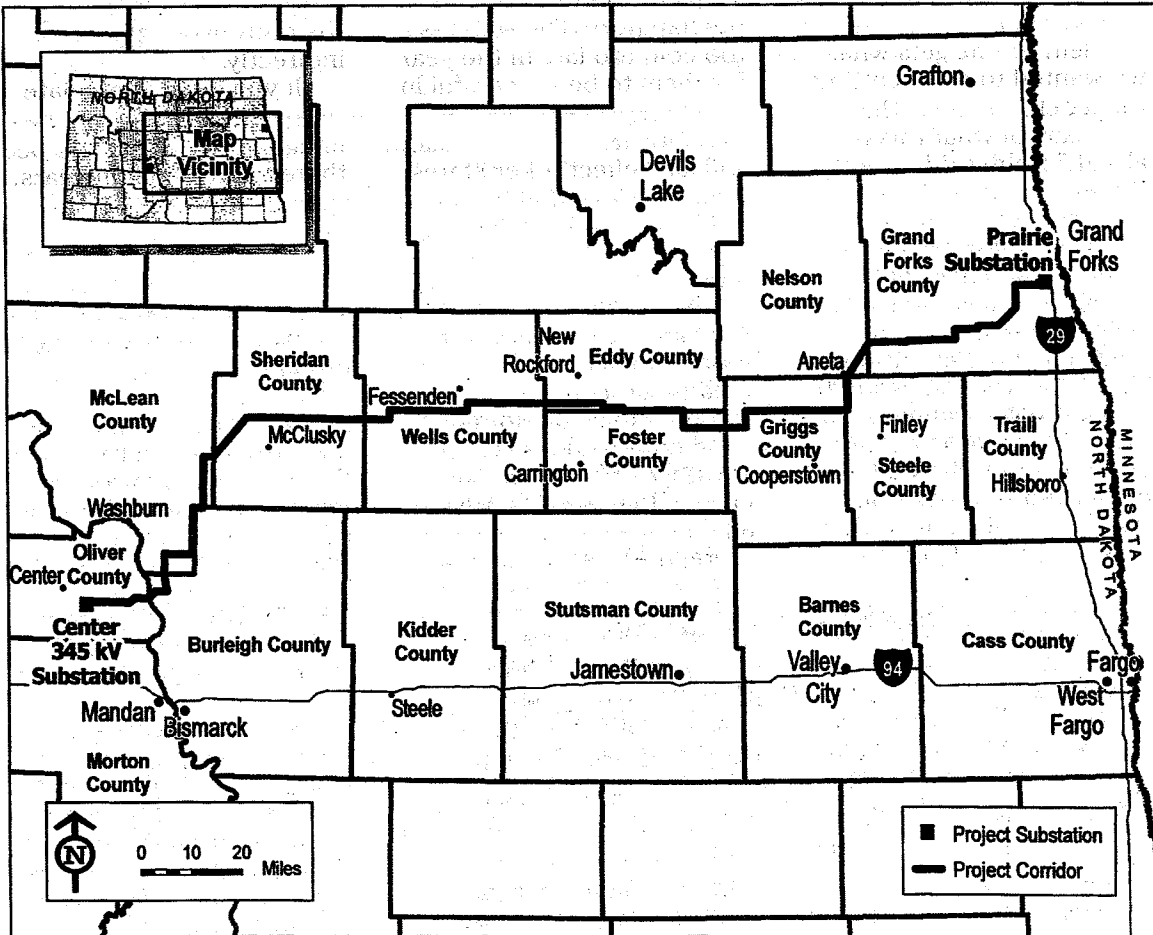
May 4, 2011, 9:00 a.m. at the Chieftain Conference Center Tepee Room, 60 4th Ave.S, Carrington, ND 58204. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Eddy, Foster, Griggs, eastern Sheridan and Wells Counties

May 13, 2011, 9:00 a.m. at Memorial Hall, 805 Main Ave. Washburn, ND 58577. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Burleigh, McLean, Oliver and western Sheridan Counties.

The issues to be considered are:
 1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities

produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
 2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
 3. Will the proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?
 4. Is it appropriate for the Commission to approve a 1,000 foot-wide corridor as requested in the application?
 For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 Kevin Cramer, Commissioner
 Tony Clark, Chairman
 Brian P. Kalk, Commissioner
 (04-07-11)



OUTDOORS

PRAIRIE ADVENTURES

By Patricia Stockdill

Piping plover population

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently recognized a group of biologists for their piping plover population recovery efforts.

The Alkali Lakes Piping Plover Team includes Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Craig Hultberg, Audubon National Wildlife Refuge, and Eric Rosenquist, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) Central North Dakota Conservation Coordinator headquartered at the TNC's Cross Ranch near Hensler. Both feel the recognition extends far beyond the six team leaders. Much of the credit goes to the more than 150 private landowners who allow biologists to work on their land, said Rosenquist. Many are extremely interested in the work, he added.

Hultberg also extends credit to previous biologists involved with the project, as well as a multitude of seasonal staff in the field conducting predator control and other work to ensure nest success.

The Great Plains piping plover, a miniature killdeer-like shorebird, received threatened status under the Federal Endangered Species Act in 1985. Since then, agencies have been working on ways to stabilize and grow their numbers. Various agencies and conservation organizations began coordinating their efforts in the 1990s.

Plovers make small depressions on barren gravel alkaline lake shorelines for nests, laying up to four eggs.

Predator control - mammalian and avian - garners much of the recovery team's efforts, including putting wire cages over nests to keep gulls, hawks, and even crows away from extremely vulnerable nests. "Right now we believe gulls are a major predator," Rosenquist described.

A variety of mammals also like dining on piping plovers - everything from skunks, raccoons, badgers, and, yes, cats. "We've even had ground squirrels," Hultberg added.

While nest cages significantly improve nesting success, a big challenge is the getting the chicks to the fledgling stage - a hairy 17- or 18-day stretch when the cotton ball on toothpick-like chicks are as equally at peril as they are in the nest.

That's where adequate habitat is so critical, Hultberg said. Vegetation needs to be low enough so mammalian predators can't sneak up on unsuspecting chicks, yet adequate enough so they can hide when necessary. Nearby trees also spell danger when hawks and crows use them as perches to eye their prey. Studies show cages help nest success, Hultberg said, but now the challenge biologists face is improving fledgling rates so chicks survive long enough to be able to fly.

"We can't be putting nest cages on forever," Rosenquist said. Cages are a short-term solution. Now biologists are analyzing their efforts to determine what long-term solutions can be.

Adequate habitat will play a large part in determining that solution. Even though their nesting habitat is still similar to what it has been for generations, land use changes can play a role in nesting success. For example, working with landowners to remove rock or junk piles harboring predators is one way to improve nesting and fledgling success.

North Dakota's Coteau region is critical to the future of piping plovers. While the recovery team has already made great strides, "we've still got a lot to learn," Hultberg said.

Nevertheless, it's nice to be recognized for the work that's already been accomplished.

Quote of the Week: "I think it's just cool to have them (piping plovers)...they're really a neat bird." - Craig Hultberg, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist, Audubon National Wildlife Refuge, and one of the piping plover recovery team members.



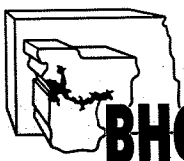
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