

# BRIDGER PIPELINE LLC

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Patrick Fahn  
Public Service Commission  
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RE: Case No. PU-09-750 – Four Bears Pipeline Tree/Shrub Mitigation Update

Dear Mr. Fahn:

Recently, Bridger Pipeline LLC was notified by the North Dakota Forest Service that they were no longer able to continue performing additional monitoring activities associated with the Four Bears Pipeline Tree and Mitigation planting project completed by them in 2014.

As an update to the subject corridor number 115 and route permit number 125, Bridger Pipeline LLC provided PSC earlier this year with written confirmation from the North Dakota Forest Service that the Four Bears Pipeline Tree and Mitigation planting project to satisfy the requirements of the PSC tree and shrub mitigation related permit conditions was completed. Given the quantity of trees and shrubs planted and the contingency of additional planting numbers, Bridger continues to believe it has met the intent and requirements of the PSC requirements and no further actions should be required.

Key components of the completed project included:

- Successful planting over three growing seasons of the required 97,278 trees and shrubs, planting of an additional 9,378 trees and shrubs to account for potential mortalities resulting in a total tree and shrub planting of 106,656.
- Oversight of the entire planting project by the NDFS using the Trees for North Dakota Trust Fund.
- Preparation of a final annual project summary report documenting the project scope of work, planting locations, numbers planted at a location.
- Plantings were performed on over 200 different landowners properties.
- Additionally, all landowners participating in the planting program were required to maintain the plantings for a period of ten years.

Bridger Pipeline is working with a new contractor to develop an inspection/monitoring program to further evaluate the success of the planting program. Due to timing and logistical issues, no annual report will be prepared for the 2015 growing season but inspections will again be

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performed in the Spring/Summer 2016 and a report of the findings will be provided to PSC upon completion. Bridger Pipeline requests PSC approval to proceed with this schedule deviation.

Please call me at (307) 266-0411 or email at [bob.dundas@truecos.com](mailto:bob.dundas@truecos.com) should you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bob Dundas', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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