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U.S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)
Threatened and Endangered Species Consultation (*June 3, 2010*)



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JUN 3 2010

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Re: 12-inch and 16-inch Beaver Lodge to
Berthold Pipeline Project

Dear Ms. Ronayne:

This is in response to your April 27, 2010, letter regarding the proposed 12-inch and 16-inch crude oil pipeline from the existing Beaver Lodge Pump Station to the existing Berthold Terminal and Pump Station (B to B Pipeline Project) in Williams, Mountrail, and Ward Counties, North Dakota. The proposed pipeline would be constructed by Enbridge Pipelines LLC (Enbridge) and would be approximately 55 miles in length within a one-mile-wide evaluation corridor.

We offer the following comments under the authority of and in accordance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.) (MBTA), the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668d, 54 Stat. 250) (BGEPA), the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) (ESA), and the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-57).

Threatened and Endangered Species

A list of federally endangered and threatened species that may be present within the proposed project's area of influence is enclosed. This list fulfills requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under Section 7 of the ESA. This list remains valid for 90 days.

There is designated critical habitat for the piping plover in Mountrail, Ward, and Williams Counties. The evaluation area includes known nesting sites and designated critical habitat. One critical habitat unit in Mountrail County falls within the evaluation corridor and is approximately .2 mile from the project center line. Piping plovers are protected wherever they occur, regardless of land ownership. In North Dakota, piping plovers begin arriving on their breeding grounds in early to mid-April and are typically gone by September 1. Disturbance from construction activities during this timeframe is

possible depending on proximity to birds. The Service recommends that construction activities in these areas take place from September 1 – April 1. We can provide shapefiles for designated critical habitat for piping plover; however, there are also other suitable wetlands in the project area where plovers may be nesting. Piping plovers nesting on one wetland could be feeding on another. The alkali soils on the census wetlands are soft and tracks are easily left behind. Piping plover chicks have been documented to be trapped and/or drowned in depressions as shallow as a few inches. Compaction of soil in dry or frozen conditions has the potential to impact piping plovers for many years after the activity. In order to avoid disturbing these birds and their habitat, we recommend the following precautions when working in potential or known piping plover habitat:

- Total avoidance of the documented and potential nesting wetlands from April 1 – September 1;
- On wetlands with potential or documented plover nesting, use a one-half mile no entry buffer on all shorelines throughout the year;
- All vehicle use should be avoided on any wetland shoreline in the project area.

If you are unable to positively identify piping plover nesting areas or to maintain a one-half mile no-entry buffer on all nesting wetlands, we recommend that you retain the services of a qualified biologist to survey your project area for these resources. If there is no Federal funding or permit involved in the project, the project proponent is still required to ensure that their activities do not result in take of piping plovers, their eggs, or chicks, and do not adversely impact designated critical habitat.

The Aransas Wood Buffalo Population (AWBP) of endangered whooping cranes is the only self-sustaining migratory population of whooping cranes remaining in the wild. These birds breed in the wetlands of Wood Buffalo National Park in Alberta and the Northwest Territories of northern Canada, and overwinter on the Texas coast. Whooping cranes in the AWBP annually migrate through North Dakota during their spring and fall migrations. They make numerous stops along their migration route to feed and roost before moving on.

Whooping cranes in the AWBP annually migrate through North Dakota during their spring and fall migrations. The proposed project lies within a 90 mile corridor that includes approximately 75 percent of all reported whooping crane sightings in the State (enclosure). The presence of suitable roosting and feeding habitat for whooping cranes document the potential for whooping crane presence in the proposed project area. Whooping cranes are unlikely to spend more than a few days in any one spot during migration. The Service recommends that if a whooping crane is sighted within one mile of a pipeline or associated facilities while it is under construction, that all work cease within one mile of that part of the project and the Service be contacted immediately. In coordination with the Service, work may resume after the bird(s) leave the area.

Potential habitat for the Dakota skipper exists in Mountrail and Ward Counties. In 1995, the Dakota skipper was determined to be a candidate species under the ESA. No legal

requirement exists to protect candidate species; however, it is within the spirit of the ESA to consider these species as having significant value and worth protecting.

The Dakota skipper is a small to medium-sized hesperiine butterfly associated with high quality prairie ranging from wet-mesic tallgrass prairie to dry-mesic mixed grass prairie. The first type of habitat is relatively flat and moist native bluestem prairie. Three species of wildflowers are usually present: wood lily (*Lilium philadelphicum*), harebell (*Campanula rotundifolia*), and smooth camas (*Zygadenus elegans*). The second habitat type is upland (dry) prairie that is often on ridges and hillsides. Bluestem grasses and needlegrasses dominate these habitats. On this habitat type, three wildflowers are typically present in high quality sites that are suitable for Dakota skipper: pale purple (*Echinacea pallida*) and upright (*E. angustifolia*) coneflowers and blanketflower (*Gaillardia sp.*). Because of the difficulty of surveying for Dakota skippers and a short survey window, we recommend that the project avoid any impacts to potential Dakota skipper habitat. If Dakota skipper habitat is present near the proposed project and you intend to take precautions to avoid impacts to skipper habitat, please notify the Service for further direction.

Migratory Birds

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act prohibits the taking, killing, possession, and transportation, (among other actions) of migratory birds, their eggs, parts, and nests, except when specifically permitted by regulations. While the MBTA has no provision for allowing unauthorized take, the Service realizes that some birds may be killed during construction even if all known reasonable and effective measures to protect birds are used. The Service Office of Law Enforcement carries out its mission to protect migratory birds through investigations and enforcement, as well as by fostering relationships with individuals, companies, and industries that have taken effective steps to avoid take of migratory birds, and by encouraging others to implement measures to avoid take of migratory birds. It is not possible to absolve individuals, companies, or agencies from liability even if they implement bird mortality avoidance or other similar protective measures. However, the Office of Law Enforcement focuses its resources on investigating and prosecuting individuals and companies that take migratory birds without identifying and implementing all reasonable, prudent and effective measures to avoid that take. Companies are encouraged to work closely with Service biologists to identify available protective measures when developing project plans and/or avian protection plans, and to implement those measures prior to/during construction or similar activities.

The BGEPA, prohibits anyone, without a permit issued by the Secretary of the Interior, from taking bald eagles, including their parts, nests, or eggs. The Act provides criminal and civil penalties for persons who take, possess, sell, purchase, barter, offer to sell, purchase or barter, transport, export or import, at any time or any manner, any bald eagle ... [or any golden eagle], alive or dead, or any part, nest, or egg thereof. The Act defines take as pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, molest or disturb. "Disturb means to agitate or bother a bald or golden eagle to a degree that

causes, or is likely to cause, based on the best scientific information available, 1) injury to an eagle, 2) a decrease in its productivity, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior, or 3) nest abandonment, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior." In addition to immediate impacts, this definition also covers impacts that result from human-induced alterations initiated around a previously used nest site during a time when eagles are not present, if, upon the eagles return, such alterations agitate or bother an eagle to a degree that injures an eagle or substantially interferes with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering habits and causes, or is likely to cause, a loss of productivity or nest abandonment.

Bald and/or golden eagles may use the project area where the pipeline will be located. Golden eagles inhabit a wide variety of habitat types, including open grassland areas. They are known to nest on cliffs, in trees, manmade structures, and on the ground (Kochert et al. 2002). While the bald eagle tends to be more closely associated with forested areas near water (Buehler 2000), they have been found nesting in single trees several miles from the nearest water body. Therefore, there may also be potential habitat for the bald eagle at the proposed project site. Especially early in the nesting season, eagles can be very sensitive to disturbance near the nest site and may abandon their nest as a result of low disturbance levels, even from foot traffic. A buffer of at least 1/2 mile should be maintained for golden and bald eagle nests. A permit is required for any take of bald or golden eagles or their nests. Permits to take golden eagles or their nests are available only for legitimate emergencies and as part of a program to protect golden eagles.

To the extent practicable, schedule construction for late summer or fall/early winter so as not to disrupt waterfowl or other wildlife during the breeding season (February 1 to July 15). If work is proposed to take place during the breeding season or at any other time which may result in the take of bald or golden eagles or other migratory birds, their eggs, or active nests, the Service recommends that the project proponent implement all practicable measures to avoid all take, such as suspending construction where necessary and/or maintaining adequate buffers to protect the birds until the young have fledged. The Service further recommends that if you choose to conduct field surveys for nesting birds, including eagles, with the intent of avoiding take, that you maintain any documentation of the presence of eagles or other migratory birds, eggs, and active nests, along with information regarding the qualifications of the biologist(s) performing the survey(s), and any avoidance measures implemented at the project site. Should surveys or other available information indicate a potential for take of eagles or other migratory birds, their eggs, or active nests, the Service requests that you contact this office for further coordination on the extent of the impact and the long-term implications of the intended use of the project on eagles or other migratory bird populations.

High Value Habitat Avoidance

As part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) administers fee title Refuge and Waterfowl Production Areas, as well as

wetland and grassland easements, throughout North Dakota. A review of our county plat maps indicates that Service property interests are located in the study area.

The Service recommends that all property interests within the National Wildlife Refuge System be avoided during project construction, when possible. Special Use or right-of-way permits will be necessary for construction affecting property interests administered by the Service. The issuance of Special Use or right-of-way permits is subject to the final determination of a refuge compatibility review process. This determination may add some time to the review process so early coordination with the district is important. For additional information on Service easements in Mountrail County, contact Doug Leschisin, Wildlife Refuge Manager, Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge, 8315 Hwy 8, Kenmare, North Dakota 58746-9046; phone: (701)848-2722; email: doug_leschisin@fws.gov; for Ward County, contact Lloyd Jones, Project Leader, Audubon National Wildlife Refuge, 3275 11th St. NW, Coleharbor, North Dakota 58531-9419; phone: (701)442-5474; email: lloyd_jones@fws.gov; for Williams County, contact Tim Kessler, Wildlife Refuge Manager, Crosby Wetland Management District, 10100 Hwy 42 NW, Crosby, North Dakota 58730; phone: (701)965-6488; email: tim_kessler@fws.gov.

According to the Service's National Wetland Inventory maps, the corridor and the study area intersect several wetlands. Wetlands are important for water quality as well as for a variety of wildlife species. The Service suggests that Enbridge include a detailed plan to avoid or mitigate for unavoidable impacts to wetlands. This will also avoid impacts to threatened and endangered species as discussed above. If your project will result in unavoidable impacts to wetlands, we request to review a mitigation plan to compensate for all wetland losses. If a 404 permit is required, the Service will provide recommendations on this project to the Corps.

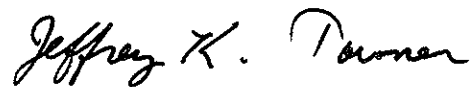
Construction activities should be conducted in a manner that will avoid/minimize impacts to the existing habitat in the project area. The following recommendations are intended to reduce construction related impacts:

- Make no stream channel alterations or changes in drainage patterns.
- Install and maintain appropriate erosion control measures to reduce sediment transport to adjacent wetlands and stream channels.
- Reseed disturbed areas with a mixture of native grass and forb species immediately after construction to reduce erosion. Parts of the proposed project area appear to be grassland habitat currently. If trenching is performed in these areas, post-construction reseedling of native prairie grasses, forbs and legumes should be completed. The Service suggests that Enbridge consider planting a diverse mix of native species to reclaim the grassland areas. Recent research indicates that a diverse native species mix, including numerous forb species, is not only ecologically beneficial, but is also more weed resistant. A diverse planting of native grasses and forbs allows for less intensive management and chemical

use. The more species included in a mixture, the higher the probability of providing competition to resist invasion by non-native plants.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. If you require further information or the project plans change, please contact me or Heidi Kuska of my staff at (701) 250-4481 or at the letterhead address.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey K. Towner
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North Dakota Field Office

Enclosures

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Project Leader, Audubon WMD
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FEDERAL THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES
AND DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT FOUND IN
WILLIAMS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
June 2010

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Birds

Interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum*): Nests along midstream sandbars of the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers.

Whooping crane (*Grus Americana*): Aransas-Wood Buffalo Population (264 birds) occurs in North Dakota counties during spring and fall migration between breeding and wintering areas. Whooping cranes prefer to roost overnight in shallow open water wetland habitat with good visibility during migration stopovers.

Fish

Pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*): Known only from the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers. No reproduction has been documented in 15 years.

Mammals

Gray wolf (*Canis lupus*): Occasional visitor in North Dakota. Most frequently observed in the Turtle Mountains area.

THREATENED SPECIES

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DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT

Birds

Piping Plover - Lake Sakakawea - Critical habitat includes sparsely vegetated shoreline beaches, peninsulas, islands composed of sand, gravel, or shale, and their interface with the water bodies.

FEDERAL THREATENED, ENDANGERED, AND CANDIDATE SPECIES
AND DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT FOUND IN
MOUNTRAIL COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
June 2010

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CANDIDATE SPECIES

Invertebrates

Dakota skipper (*Hesperia dacotae*): Found in native prairie containing a high diversity of wildflowers and grasses. Habitat includes two prairie types: 1) low (wet) prairie dominated by bluestem grasses, wood lily, harebell, and smooth camas; 2) upland (dry) prairie on ridges and hillsides dominated by bluestem grasses, needlegrass, pale purple and upright coneflowers and blanketflower.

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AND DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT FOUND IN
WARD COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA
June 2010

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Birds

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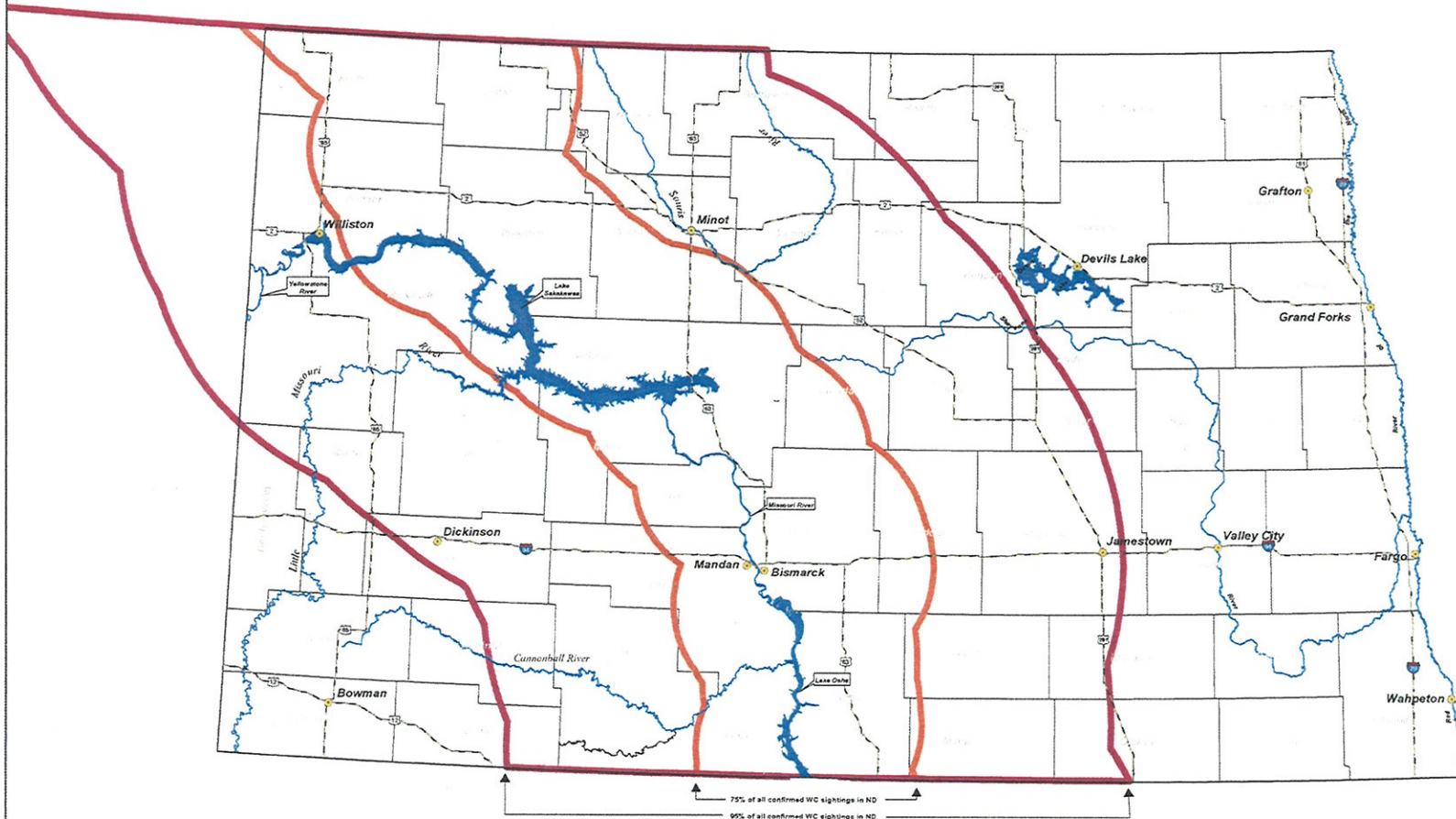
DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT

Birds

Piping Plover - Alkali Lakes and Wetlands - Critical habitat includes: (1) shallow, seasonally to permanently flooded, mixosaline to hypersaline wetlands with sandy to gravelly, sparsely vegetated beaches, salt-encrusted mud flats, and/or gravelly salt flats; (2) springs and fens along edges of alkali lakes and wetlands; and (3) adjacent uplands 200 feet (61 meters) above the high water mark of the alkali lake or wetland.



North Dakota Whooping Crane Migration Corridor



DISCLAIMER:
The USFWS makes no claim as to the accuracy or completeness of the displayed information. Species occurrence and habitat information is provided for illustrative purposes only. Federal action agencies and project proponents should contact the USFWS North Dakota Field Office for more detailed species information and technical assistance in evaluating potential project impacts to fish and wildlife resources.
Map produced 04/21/2010 by USFWS Ecological Services, Bismarck, ND.

-  75% Whooping Crane Migration Corridor
-  95% Whooping Crane Migration Corridor



North Dakota Game and Fish Department (NDGF)
Formal Solicitation of State Species and Habitat Concerns (*May 19, 2010*)



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May 19, 2010

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Dear Ms. Ronayne:

Re: Enbridge Pipelines Improvement Projects in North Dakota
SORTI, Dunn Gathering, Bakken Expansion and Beaver Lodge to Berthold Pipeline Projects

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has received notification of Enbridge Pipelines proposal to expand its North Dakota pipeline system. Enbridge plans to construct 23 miles of 8-inch diameter pipeline from the proposed Dunn Station to the proposed SORTI Station in McKenzie County; approximately 26 miles of 10-inch diameter pipeline from the proposed SORTI Station to its existing Beaver Lodge Station in Williams and McKenzie Counties; replace approximately 10.8 miles of pipeline in Burke County with new pump stations in Ward and Burke Counties; expand its existing Berthold Terminal and Pump Station in Ward County; and construct approximately 55 miles of 12-inch and 16-inch diameter pipeline from its existing Beaver Lodge Pump Station to its Berthold Terminal and pump station in Williams, Mountrail and Ward Counties, North Dakota.

A primary concern with this project is the possible disturbance of native prairie and wooded draws associated with the construction of the pipeline. We ask work within these areas be avoided to the extent possible, every effort be made to prevent destruction of woody vegetation, and disturbed areas be reclaimed to pre-project conditions. Any unavoidable losses of native forest or riparian forest shall be replaced with similar species on a 2:1 basis by incorporating a mitigation planting into the impacted forest to complement the existing woody vegetation.

We request avoiding the Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) when possible, however if it cannot be avoided we request routing the proposed pipeline within existing utility corridors adjacent to existing roads. A special use permit from the Department will be required for any activities on the WMA. We also request aerial surveys be conducted for raptor nests before construction begins to assure construction activities do not disturb the nests.

The Department recommends planning around wetlands when possible; however, when these areas cannot be avoided, we suggest contacting the Corps of Engineers' North Dakota Regulatory Office or the Natural Resource Conservation Service due to probable impacts to wetland acres. We request stream and drainage crossings be directionally bored to avoid impacts to the fishery resources. If stream or drainage crossings cannot be directionally bored, we request any displacement or disruption of creek beds and banks be restored to pre-project conditions and that the work does not take place within the creeks or streams from April 15 to June 1. We also request that the potential for sedimentation entering the stream during the construction be minimized with the use of erosion control measures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael G. McKenna", written in a cursive style.

Michael G. McKenna
Chief
Conservation & Communication Division

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EXHIBIT F.3

North Dakota Parks and Recreation (NDPR)
Potential Impacts to NDPR-administered lands/review of Natural Heritage Database
(*May 20, 2010*)



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May 20, 2010

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Re: Enbridge Pipelines LLC Expansion Project
Beaver Lodge Pump Station to Berthold Terminal and Pump Station

Dear Ms. Ronayne:

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (the Department) has reviewed the above referenced project proposal to expand a pipeline system located in Williams, Mountrail, and Ward Counties.

Our agency scope of authority and expertise covers recreation and biological resources (in particular rare plants and ecological communities). The project as defined does not affect state park lands that we manage or Land and Water Conservation Fund recreation projects that we coordinate.

The North Dakota Natural Heritage biological conservation database has been reviewed to determine if any current of historic plant or animal species of concern or other significant ecological communities are known to occur within an approximate one-mile radius of the project area. Based on this review, an occurrence of *Charadrius melodus* (piping plover) has been identified within or adjacent to the project area. Please see the attached spreadsheet and map for more specific information on this specie. We defer further comments regarding animal species to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

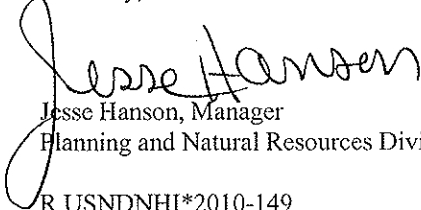
Because this information is not based on a comprehensive inventory, there may be species of concern or otherwise significant ecological communities in the area that are not represented in the database. The lack of data for any project area cannot be construed to mean that no significant features are present. The absence of data may indicate that the project area has not been surveyed, rather than confirm that the area lacks natural heritage resources.

The Department recommends that the project be accomplished with minimal impacts and that all efforts be made to ensure that critical habitats not be disturbed in the project area to help secure rare species conservation in North Dakota. Regarding any reclamation efforts, we recommend that any impacted areas be revegetated with species native to the project area.

It is our policy to charge out-of-state requests for data services including data retrieval, data analysis, manual and computer searches, packaging and collection of data. An invoice for services provided has been enclosed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. Please contact Kathy Duttenehner (701-328-5370 or kgduttenehner@nd.gov) of our staff if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,


Jesse Hanson, Manager
Planning and Natural Resources Division
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Play in our backyard!

ND Parks and Recreation Department

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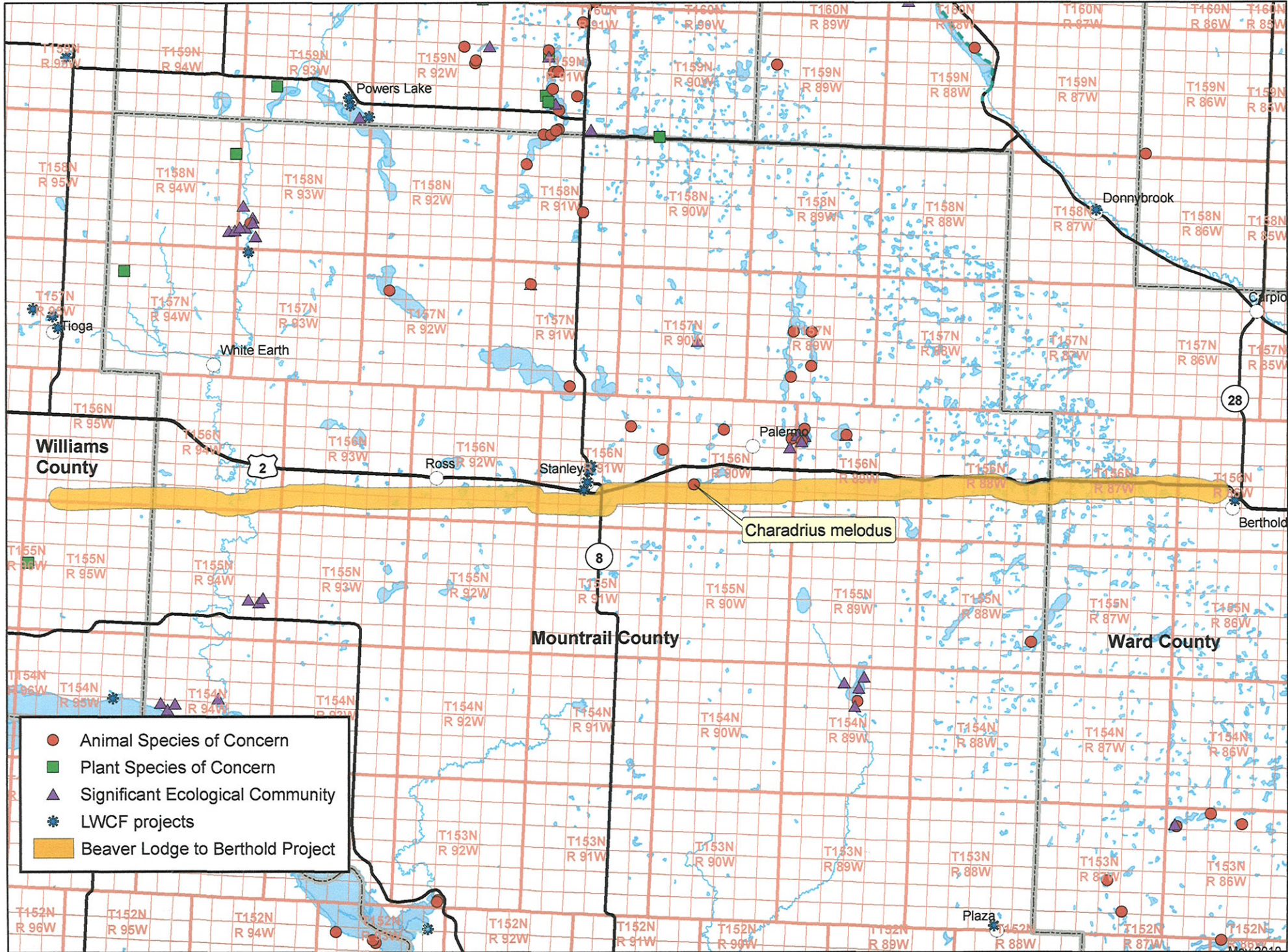
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SUBTOTAL			\$ 60.00
SALES TAX			
SHIPPING & HANDLING			
TOTAL DUE			\$ 60.00

Make all checks payable to: ND Parks and Recreation Department
 If you have any questions concerning this invoice, call: Kathy Duttenhefner, (701) 328-5370

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN RARE SPECIES CONSERVATION.

Entry Event	Fund	Dept.	Project	Activity
463021	398	1508	OR15082	15082

North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department North Dakota Natural Heritage Inventory



- Animal Species of Concern
- Plant Species of Concern
- ▲ Significant Ecological Community
- ✱ LWCF projects
- Beaver Lodge to Berthold Project

North Dakota Natural Heritage Inventory
Rare Animal and Plant Species and Significant Ecological Communities

State Scientific Name	State Common Name	State Rank	Global Rank	Federal Status	Township Range Section	County	Last Observation	Estimated Representation Accuracy	Precision
Charadrius melodus	Piping Plover	S1S2	G3	LE, LT	156N090W - 20	Mountrail	1996-06-10		S

North Dakota Natural Heritage Inventory Biological and Conservation Data Disclaimer

The quantity and quality of data collected by the North Dakota Natural Heritage Inventory are dependent on the research and observations of many individuals and organizations. In most cases, this information is not the result of comprehensive or site-specific field surveys; many natural areas in North Dakota have never been thoroughly surveyed, and new species are still being discovered. For these reasons, the Natural Heritage Inventory cannot provide a definite statement on the presence, absence, or condition of biological elements in any part of North Dakota. Natural Heritage data summarize the existing information known at the time of the request. Our data are continually upgraded and information is continually being added to the database. This data should never be regarded as final statements on the elements or areas that are being considered, nor should they be substituted for on-site surveys.

Estimated Representation Accuracy

Value that indicates the approximate percentage of the Element Occurrence Representation (EO Rep) that was observed to be occupied by the species or community (versus buffer area added for locational uncertainty). Use of estimated representation accuracy provides a common index for the consistent comparison of EO reps, thus helping to ensure that aggregated data are correctly analyzed and interpreted.

Very high (>95%)

High (>80%, <= 95%)

Medium (>20%, <= 80%)

Low (>0%, <= 20%)

Unknown

(null) - Not assessed

Precision

A single-letter code for the precision used to map the Element Occurrence (EO) on a U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5' (or 15') topographic quadrangle map, based on the previous Heritage methodology in which EOs were located on paper maps using dots.

S - Seconds: accuracy of locality mappable within a three-second radius; 100 meters from the centerpoint

M - Minute: accuracy of locality mappable within a one-minute radius; 2 km from the centerpoint

G - General: accuracy of locality mappable to map or place name precision only; 8 km from centerpoint

U - Unmappable

U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)
Solicitation of Review (*April 27, 2010*)



April 27, 2010

Mr. Kelly McPhillips
Dakotas Area Office
US Department of the Interior – Bureau of Reclamation
304 East Broadway Ave.
P.O. Box 1017
Bismarck, ND 58502-1017

RE: Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC
Beaver Lodge to Berthold Pipeline Project
Review of Project for potential impacts to Bureau of Reclamation-managed lands

Dear Mr. McPhillips,

Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC (Enbridge) is presently evaluating an expansion of its North Dakota pipeline system in response to increased demand for crude oil transportation services. Enbridge is planning to construct approximately 55 miles of 12-inch and 16-inch-diameter pipeline from its existing Beaver Lodge Pump Station to its existing Berthold Terminal and Pump Station in Williams, Mountrail, and Ward Counties, North Dakota (B to B Pipeline Project). The majority of the pipeline will be co-located adjacent to an existing pipeline owned and operated by Enbridge. As part of the B to B Pipeline Project, Enbridge is also proposing facility expansions at its existing Beaver Lodge Pump Station, Stanley Pump Station, and Berthold Terminal and Pump Station. Construction activities are proposed to be completed in 2011.

Based on a desktop review of publicly available data, there are no anticipated impacts to Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)-managed lands resulting from the proposed project. On behalf of Enbridge, Merjent, Inc. respectfully requests review of the proposed project for potential impacts to BOR-managed lands. Project location maps that depict the pipeline route and one-mile-wide evaluation corridor are enclosed. The township, range, and section information for the pipeline, facilities, and a one-mile-wide evaluation corridor is provided in the following table.

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156N	92W	25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36
156N	93W	25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36
156N	94W	25, 26, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36
156N	95W	32, 33, 34, 35, 36

We appreciate your review for concerns related to the B to B Pipeline Project, and your prompt response to this request is appreciated. If you have questions regarding this project or require additional information, please contact me, Enbridge's environmental consultant, at (612) 746-3669; or Paul Meneghini of Enbridge at (715) 398-4573.

Sincerely,

Merjent, Inc



Angela M. Ronayne, P.E.
Senior Analyst

Enclosures: Project Location Maps

cc: Paul R. Meneghini, Enbridge

U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
Solicitation of Review (*May 18, 2010*)

From: Linda_Gisvold@blm.gov
To: [Angela M. Ronayne](#)
Subject: Re: Enbridge: Beaver Lodge to Berthold Pipeline Project: Request for BLM review
Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 4:39:15 PM

Hello Angela,

At last! I have reviewed this particular project along with legals/maps.

It looks like the only BLM parcels in the area of the proposed pipeline (and may not impact them...?) are:

Mountrail County,

T. 156 N., R. 88 W., Section 17 SWNE is BLM.

T. 156 N., R. 89 W., Section 27 NWNE is BLM.

If either of these parcels are crossed with the actual pipeline, then a right of way would need to be issued from BLM.

If I can help out again, just let me know. Thank you.

Linda Gisvold, Realty Specialist
BLM - NDFO
99 23rd Avenue West, Suite A
Dickinson, ND 58601
Phone: 701-227-7711

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA)
Potential Impact to FSA Reserve Program Lands (*April 29 and April 30, 2010*)

From: [Jost, Jim - Fargo, ND](#)
To: [Angela M. Ronayne](#)
Subject: FW: Enbridge: Beaver Lodge to Berthold Pipeline Project: Request for CRP/GRP review
Date: Friday, April 30, 2010 1:49:27 PM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)

8 CRP fields crossed by the pipeline in Mountrail Co. 53 CRP fields in the 1 mile buffer.

Due to PII concerns we are unable to provide specific information to the energy company without a signed release from the producer.

CRP participants along the path of the pipeline should contact their local FSA office concerning the activity. The permanent grass/legume cover will need to be re-established on the excavated areas. Any areas devoted to roads, buildings or other storage sites will need to be terminated from CRP contracts with refunds.

Jim Jost
FSA Farm Program Specialist
North Dakota State FSA Office
701-893-2214

From: Angela M. Ronayne [mailto:ARonayne@merjent.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2010 8:56 AM
To: Jost, Jim - Fargo, ND
Cc: Paul Meneghini
Subject: Enbridge: Beaver Lodge to Berthold Pipeline Project: Request for CRP/GRP review

Dear Mr. Jost,

Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC (Enbridge) is presently evaluating an expansion of its North Dakota pipeline system in response to increased demand for crude oil transportation services. Enbridge is planning to construct approximately 55 miles of 12-inch and 16-inch-diameter pipeline from its existing Beaver Lodge Pump Station to its existing Berthold Terminal and Pump Station in Williams, Mountrail, and Ward Counties, North Dakota (B to B Pipeline Project). The majority of the pipeline will be co-located adjacent to an existing pipeline owned and operated by Enbridge. As part of the B to B Pipeline Project, Enbridge is also proposing facility expansions at its existing Beaver Lodge Pump Station, Stanley Pump Station, and Berthold Terminal and Pump Station. Construction activities are proposed to be completed in 2011.

On behalf of Enbridge, Merjent, Inc. respectfully submits this consultation request to the USDA-Farm Service Agency to review a one-mile-wide "evaluation corridor" centered along the route of the pipeline for concerns related to lands within the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Grassland Reserve Program (GRP). Project location maps and a shapefile that depict the pipeline route and a one-mile-wide evaluation corridor are attached to this email. The township, range, and section information for the pipeline, facilities, and a one-mile-wide evaluation corridor is provided in the following table.

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156N	93W	25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36
156N	94W	25, 26, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36
156N	95W	32, 33, 34, 35, 36

We appreciate your review for concerns related to CRP and GRP lands in Williams, Mountrail, and Ward Counties, and your prompt response to this email is appreciated. If you have questions regarding this project or require additional information, please contact me, Enbridge’s environmental consultant, at (612) 746-3669; or Paul Meneghini of Enbridge at (715) 398-4573.

Sincerely,
Angela M. Ronayne, P.E.

cc: Paul R. Meneghini, Enbridge



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From: [Paryzek, Corey - Williston, ND](#)
To: [Angela M. Ronayne](#)
Cc: [Jost, Jim - Fargo, ND](#)
Subject: FW: Enbridge: Beaver Lodge to Berthold Pipeline Project: Request for CRP/GRP review
Date: Thursday, April 29, 2010 1:35:50 PM

I have reviewed the GIS for Williams County portion of the corridor.
We have a large CRP tract in the NW ¼ of 31 156 94. This lies in Mountrail County,
but is administered in the Williams County office.
Pipeline will not cross the CRP but is within the 1 mile corridor.

North Dakota State Lands Department (NDSL D)
Potential Impacts to North Dakota State Lands (*May 7, 2010*)

From: [Haupt, Michael L.](#)
To: [Angela M. Ronayne](#)
Subject: RE: Enbridge: Beaver Lodge to Berthold Pipeline Project: Request for State Land review
Date: Friday, May 07, 2010 7:22:37 AM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)

Angela,

Good morning! It appears the tracts of School Trust land that are listed below are the only trust lands in the proposed project. Please submit an on-line application at <http://www.land.nd.gov/surface/row/>. Thanks.

Michael L. Haupt

Land Management Professional, CPRM
North Dakota State Land Department
PO Box 5523, Bismarck ND 58506-5523
701-328-2800
mhaupt@nd.gov

From: Angela M. Ronayne [mailto:ARonayne@Merjent.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2010 8:57 AM
To: Feeney, Tom; Haupt, Michael L.
Cc: Paul Meneghini
Subject: Enbridge: Beaver Lodge to Berthold Pipeline Project: Request for State Land review

Dear Messrs,

Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC (Enbridge) is presently evaluating an expansion of its North Dakota pipeline system in response to increased demand for crude oil transportation services. Enbridge is planning to construct approximately 55 miles of 12-inch and 16-inch-diameter pipeline from its existing Beaver Lodge Pump Station to its existing Berthold Terminal and Pump Station in Williams, Mountrail, and Ward Counties, North Dakota (B to B Pipeline Project). The majority of the pipeline will be co-located adjacent to an existing pipeline owned and operated by Enbridge. As part of the B to B Pipeline Project, Enbridge is also proposing facility expansions at its existing Beaver Lodge Pump Station, Stanley Pump Station, and Berthold Terminal and Pump Station. Construction activities are proposed to be completed in 2011.

On behalf of Enbridge, Merjent, Inc. (Merjent) respectfully submits this consultation request to the North Dakota State Land Department to review a one-mile-wide "evaluation corridor" centered along the route of the pipeline for concerns related to North Dakota School Trust Land. Project location maps and a shapefile that depict the pipeline route, facilities, and a one-mile-wide evaluation corridor are attached to this email. The township, range, and section information for the pipeline, facilities, and one-mile-wide corridor is provided in the following table.

Table 1: Township, Section, Range Overview:		

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156N	95W	32, 33, 34, 35, 36

Based on a desktop review of publicly available information, Merjent has determined that the proposed project will cross lands within the School Trust Land program (refer to attached maps). A summary of School Trust Lands within the one-mile-wide evaluation corridor is provided in Table 2.

Township	Range	Section
156N	95W	36
156N	94W	36
156N	93W	36
156N	92W	36

Merjent is requesting confirmation that these are the only School Trust Lands within the evaluation corridor. Based on previous discussion with the NDSL, if School Trust Lands will be crossed by the project, an online application must be submitted with a general route map. Upon confirmation from NDSL that the above-referenced lands are the only School Trust Lands within the evaluation corridor, Enbridge will submit the appropriate application materials for your review.

We appreciate your review for concerns related to School Trust lands in Williams, Mountrail, and Ward Counties, and your prompt response to this email is appreciated. If you have questions regarding these projects or require additional information, please contact me, Enbridge's environmental consultant, at (612) 746-3669; or Paul Meneghini of Enbridge at (715) 398-4573.

Sincerely,

Angela M. Ronayne, P.E.
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Exhibit F.8

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
Potential Impact to NRCS Reserve Program Lands (*April 30, 2010*)

From: [Van Daalen, Doug - Bismarck, ND](#)
To: [Angela M. Ronayne](#)
Cc: [Hagel, Todd - Bismarck, ND](#); [Bear, Joe - Stanley, ND](#); [Schmidt, David - Williston, ND](#); [Wingenbach, Jerry - Minot, ND](#); [Gisvold, Terry - Dickinson, ND](#)
Subject: Response: Beaver Lodge to Berthold Pipeline Project: Request for WRP review [spf]
Date: Friday, April 30, 2010 10:59:37 AM

Dear Ms. Ronayne,

Todd Hagel, Assistant State Conservationist for Water Resources, requested I respond to you concerning the location of proposed pipeline in Williams, Mountrail, and Ward Counties in North Dakota.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) does not have any existing Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) easements within the proposed one mile "evaluation corridor". We also do not have any potential 2010 WRP offers within the evaluation corridor.

Our WRP program does have an open sign-up, so that is not to say we couldn't have any offers within the corridor in the future. We will monitor future applications within the three counties for potential conflicts with your proposed project.

If Federal Funds are involved or utilized in this project, you will need to address Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) through NRCS. If Federal Funds are not involved, no further action will be needed by NRCS. For questions concerning FPPA, please contact:

Steve Seiler
State Soil Liaison
NRCS
Bismarck, ND
Phone: (701) 530-2019 or steve.sielier@nd.usda.gov

If you have additional questions regarding my response, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Doug Van Daalen
Planning Specialist
NRCS
Bismarck, ND

Phone: 701-530-2094 or doug.vandaalen@nd.usda.gov

North Dakota State Water Commission (NDSWC)
Potential Impacts to Sovereign Lands/Navigable waterbodies (*May 14, 2010*)



State of North Dakota

Office of the State Engineer

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May 14, 2010

Angela M. Ronayne, PE, Senior Analyst,
Merjent
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Minneapolis, MN 55413-2680

Dear Ms Ronayne;

I have reviewed the three documents you provided to John Paczkowski regarding Enbridge Pipelines possible expansions in North Dakota and your question concerning which sites might impact sovereign lands of the state of North Dakota, and therefore require authorization from the State Engineer prior to construction.

The first document discusses the SORTI/Dunn Gathering Pipeline Project. I agree with you that the only area where a sovereign land permit would be required is the crossing of the Missouri River bed in Lake Sakakawea in Section 34 T154N R95W in McKenzie County to Section 22 T154N R95W in Williams County by the proposed SORTI to Beaver Lodge Pipeline.

The second document discusses the Beaver Lodge to Berthold Pipeline Project. I do not think you will need a sovereign land permit in this segment as it appears you are trying to avoid meandered lakes and you are not crossing any streams claimed as sovereign to the State of North Dakota.

The third document discusses the Bakken Pipeline Expansion Project. Similar to the second document, it appears you will not need a sovereign land permit on this segment as layed out in the documentation.

I have enclosed a sovereign lands permit application form for your convenience. Please fill out the application form for the Lake Sakakawea crossing and sign and return it to this office. Remember to include any design drawings and a map of the project area. Please provide as much detail as possible so that unnecessary delays in processing can be avoided. The application process will take two to three months to complete.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 701- 328-4949 or email dcomfort@nd.gov.

Sincerely,

Dwight Comfort
Water Resource Engineer

DC / 1625

Enclosure: APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CONSTRUCT A PROJECT
WITHIN ISLANDS AND BEDS OF NAVIGABLE STREAMS AND WATERS

cc: USACOE North Dakota Regulatory Office



APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CONSTRUCT A PROJECT WITHIN ISLANDS AND BEDS OF NAVIGABLE STREAMS AND WATERS

Office of the State Engineer
900 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505-0850

Permit No. _____
Project No. 1625

Date
Received Stamp
Location

SWC USE ONLY

I, the undersigned, do hereby submit the following information to the Office of the State Engineer as an application to construct a project that may impact islands and beds of navigable streams and waters of North Dakota under NDCC Chapter 61-33.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

This Application must include a map from an actual survey, aerial photo or topographic map and plot map (if a development). The size of the map shall be 8½ by 11 inches. The map shall have a north arrow and approximate scale. Indicate the existing or proposed work on the drawing. Plans and specifications must be submitted if project includes construction work.

- (1) Project will be located in the: _____ Water Resource District
- (2) Legal description to the nearest 40 acre tract: _____ ¼ _____ ¼ Section _____ Township _____ Range _____
- (3) Is this application for modification of an existing project Yes No If so, what year was project constructed: _____
By whom: _____
- (4) Proposed project involves water crossing, type _____ boat dock, boat ramp, water intake, dredge, volume _____ cu. yds. filling, volume _____ cu. yds., type _____, other (explain) _____
- (5) Water body on which project will be located: _____
- (6) Purpose: _____
- (7) Project Description: _____

- (8) Contractor, if known: _____
- (9) Anticipated construction start date: _____ Completion date: _____

The filing of this application and its approval in no way relieves the applicant or riparian landowner from any responsibility or liability resulting from the construction, operation or failure of the project.

Riparian Land Owner or Organization Sponsor: (Print) _____

Applicant: (Print) _____

Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____

(W) _____

Signature: _____ Date Submitted: _____
(Riparian landowner or Organization Sponsoring the project)