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Re: Plains All-American Proposed Bakken North Pipeline

Dear Mr. McCarthy,

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (the Department) has reviewed the above Plains All-American referenced proposed construction of the Bakken North Pipeline in Williams County.

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 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, there are no documented occurrences in our database within or adjacent to project area. 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.

We appreciate your commitment to rare plant, animal and ecological community conservation, management and inter-agency cooperation to date. For additional information please contact me at (701-328-5370 or kgduttonhefner@nd.gov). Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed project.

Sincerely,

Kathy Duttonhefner,
Coordinator/Biologist
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From: [Ryan Ledin](#)
To: ["kgduttonhefner@nd.gov"](mailto:kgduttonhefner@nd.gov)
Cc: ["William McCarthy"](#)
Subject: Plains All-American Proposed Bakken North Pipeline- Natural Heritage Inventory Review Request
Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 9:47:00 AM
Attachments: [Overview.pdf](#)
[North Dakota RouteMaps Topos.pdf](#)
[North Dakota RouteMaps Aerial.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Duttonhefner,

Plains All-American Pipeline (Plains) has proposed the construction of the Bakken North Pipeline. The proposed project will provide firm crude oil transportation service from its origin at the connection of Plains Trenton Gathering System in west central Williams County and extend to an interconnect with an existing pipeline, near Outpost MT. The proposed project covers a distance of approximately 32 miles in Williams County, North Dakota.

Legal Descriptions for North Dakota:

- Sections 30,31,32, T158N, R103W
- Sections 4,5,9,10,11,13,14, 24, T157, R103W
- Sections 19,28,29,30,33,34, T157N, R102W
- Sections 5,6,8,9,16,21,28,33,34, T156N, R102W
- Sections 3,10,22,15,26,27,35, T154N, R102W
- Sections 3,10,15,22,27,34, T155N, R102W

The project is currently scheduled to begin construction on or about August 22, 2011 and will continue for approximately 3 to 6 months, with restoration to immediately follow.

The purpose of this correspondence is twofold, first we request a review of the proposed project's corridor and route, as depicted on the attached maps for the presence or absence of State Lands or Land and Water Conservation Fund recreation projects. Secondly, we request a review of the project's proposed corridor and route for the presence or absence of sensitive species. Include in the Natural Heritage Inventory Database.

E3 Environmental, LLC has been retained by Plains to provide environmental consulting support for this project. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 651.282.0650 or wmccarthy@go2e3.com.

Sincerely,

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