

MEMORANDUM

To: Commissioners Christmann, Fedorchak and Kroshus
Fr: Jerry Lein
Da: April 20, 2018
Re: Tree and Shrub Mitigation Plan Update, Case No. PU-11-696

Basin has filed an update to its initial plan tree/shrub replacement plan, which was approved by the Commission in April 2017. That plan included approximately 4,000 trees/shrubs slated for NDGF's Hoffland Bay Project and the City of Stanley Park District.

Basin reports removal of 17,410 Trees and shrubs, requiring 34,820 replacement plantings. Basin is making arrangements with county SCS offices to perform the plantings with funding by Basin. Coordination with landowners is ongoing, but Basin estimates a total of 11,224 trees/shrubs will be replaced for individual landowners, leaving an estimated 23,596 non-landowner plantings.

With this update Basin requests approval for non-landowner planting projects developed through cooperation with individual county soil conservation service districts:

- 846 trees/shrubs working through Williams County SCS and the City of Tioga in cooperation with local Pheasant Forever chapter.
- 1,000 trees/shrubs through Mercer County SCS and NDGF for the Beulah Mine Project
- 3,700 trees/shrubs through Mercer County SCS and NDGF for the Harmony Lake Project.
- 11,917 trees/shrubs through Stark County SCS and NDDOT at seven locations near Dickinson.

Upon PSC approval Basin will move forward with the Williams, Mercer and Stark County SCS offices to make final arrangements for these planting efforts. Basin will continue outreach efforts to identify additional planting opportunities and will submit those to the Commission as they are identified and developed.

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