

March 5, 2014

Via Hand Delivery

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Director
North Dakota Public
Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



In re: Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation
Robinson Lake Gas Plant Expansion
Mountrail County
Case No. PU-13-835
Our File No. 95-574-856

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and ten copies of the consultation letter from each of the following agencies:

- 1) US Fish and Wildlife Service;
- 2) ND Game and Fish Department; and
- 3) ND Parks and Recreation Department.

Please call should you have any questions. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

John W. Morrison

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enc.

cc: Kaitlin McCormick (via email)
William McCarthy (via email)

From: [Terry Ellsworth](#)
To: [Jennifer Kamm](#)
Cc: jeffrey_towner@fws.gov; kari_thorsteinson@fws.gov
Subject: RE: Whiting Oil and Gas - Robinson Lake Gas Plant Expansion
Date: Monday, March 03, 2014 1:06:03 PM
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Jennifer,

Project as described will have no significant impact on fish and wildlife resources. No endangered or threatened species are known to occupy the project area. IF PROJECT DESIGN CHANGES ARE MADE, PLEASE SUBMIT PLANS FOR REVIEW.

Terry Ellsworth
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Terry,

Thank you so much for responding to our request.

Regards,

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Ms. Kamm,

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has reviewed this project for wildlife concerns. The National Wetland Inventory indicates various wetlands within the proposed project area. We do not believe this project will have any significant adverse effects on wildlife or wildlife habitat provided any unavoidable destruction or degradation of wetland acres is mitigated in kind.

John Schumacher
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December 6, 2013

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Re: Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation – Robinson Lake Gas Plant Expansion – Natural Heritage Inventory Review Request

Mr. William F McCarthy,

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (the Department) has reviewed the above referenced project for the proposed Robinson Lake Gas Plant Expansion in Mountrail 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
Natural Resources Division

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Play in our backyard!