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RE: Addendum to the Natural Resources and Wetland Determination Report for the Laurel Interconnect Pipeline, Cass County, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Jimenez,

This addendum letter presents changes to the natural resources report prepared by SWCA Environmental Consultants (SWCA) for the NuStar Laurel Interconnect Pipeline. NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership L.P. (NuStar) contacted SWCA and requested professional natural and cultural resource services be conducted in order to identify exclusion and avoidance areas as specified in North Dakota Administrative Code 69-06-08-02.

SWCA conducted natural resources field surveys of the Laurel Pipeline, including reroutes, of a 300-foot-wide corridor on November 4, 2015, to determine the potential presence and extent of wetlands and waterbodies. Additional survey was completed on October 21, 2015 for the Cenex Prosper Terminal which included the required survey for the NuStar Pump Station. This includes jurisdictional waters of the U.S., commonly referred to as wetland and ordinary high water mark (OHWM) determinations. Concurrently with the wetland and waterbody determinations, SWCA conducted a cursory threatened and endangered species survey and habitat assessment; a tree, sapling, and shrub enumeration survey; and a noxious weed survey.

This letter is written in support of the natural resources and wetland determination report submitted by SWCA for the Natural Resources and Wetland Delineation Report for the Laurel Interconnect Pipeline, Cass County North Dakota (Persinger, A., Karvel-Fuller, B. 2015¹) and presents the changes; one wetland is being added because of its location within the revised survey corridor (Figure 1).

Results

The survey area was in agricultural production and vegetation was consistent with a harvested corn field (Figure 2). Woody vegetation, noxious weeds, threatened and endangered species or

¹ Persinger, Ashley, Fuller-Karvel, Bronte 2015. *Natural Resources and Wetland Delineation Report for the Laurel Interconnect Pipeline, Cass County, North Dakota*. Prepared by SWCA Environmental Consultants for NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership L.P.

habitat were not observed within the survey area. SWCA recorded 1 PEM wetland totaling approximately 1.52 acres within the survey area (Figure 3). This wetland would be avoided by the proposed construction ROW (Table 1). WET1 was determined to be potentially jurisdictional due to its connectivity to a navigable water of the U.S. The USACE has the final authority to determine jurisdictional status.

Table 1. PEM Wetland Acreage within the Survey Area

Feature ID	USACE Jurisdiction*	Temporarily Impacted Area within ROW (acres)	Total Wetland Size (acres)
WET1	Potentially Jurisdictional	0.00	1.52
Total			1.52

* The USACE has the final authority on the jurisdictional status of a water body.

PEM = palustrine emergent, ROW = right-of-way, USACE = U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Summary

SWCA recorded 1 potentially jurisdictional PEM wetland within the survey area. WET1 would be avoided by the proposed construction corridor.

If you have any questions or require further analysis, please contact me at (701) 258-6622, or via email at apersinger@swca.com.

Sincerely,



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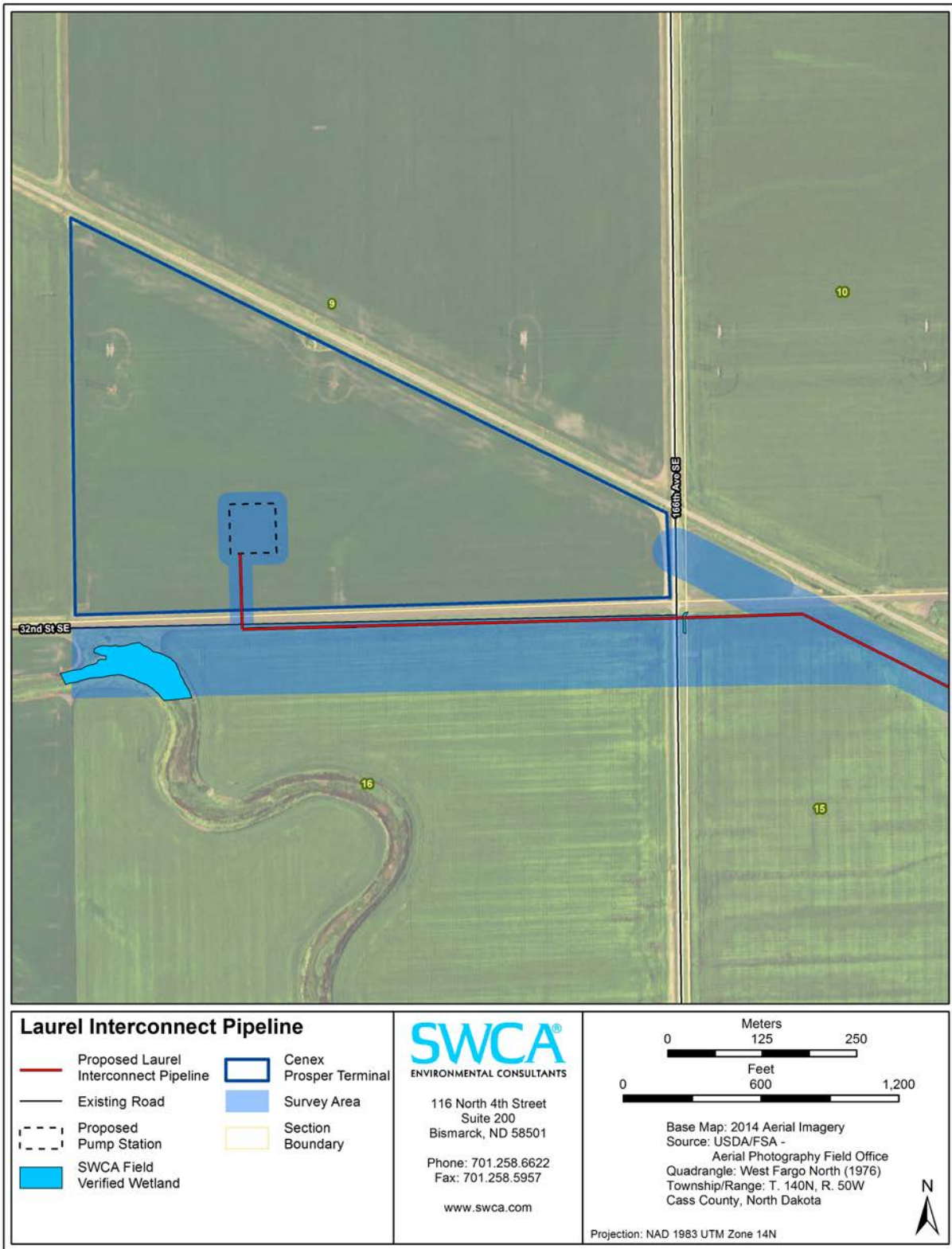


Figure 1. Laurel Interconnect Pipeline Connection



Figure 2. Project area overview depicting general topography within survey area, facing south (photograph taken November 4, 2015).



Figure 3. Semipermanent wetland (AWET1), facing northwest (photograph taken November 4, 2015).