



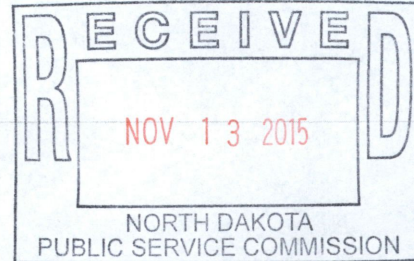
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November 4, 2015

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Dear Ms. Patch:

RE: Johnson's Corner Connector Pipeline Project

Sacagawea Pipeline Company, LLC is proposing to construct an approximately 13-mile crude oil pipeline originating from a location near Johnson's Corner and terminating at the Paradigm Keene Crude Oil Terminal located near Keene in McKenzie County, North Dakota. The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has reviewed this project for wildlife concerns.

A primary concern is the possible disturbance of native prairie and wooded draws associated with construction of the pipeline and access roads. We ask that 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.

The National Wetland Inventory indicates various wetlands within the proposed project corridor. Steps should be taken to protect any wetlands that cannot be avoided, no alterations should be made to existing drainage patterns, and above-ground appurtenances should not be placed in wetland areas. Unavoidable destruction or degradation of wetland acres should be mitigated in kind.

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Aerial surveys should be conducted for raptor nests before construction begins. We recommend that a 1/2-mile construction buffer be implemented around active eagle nest sites (known occupied

within the past 5 years). Ms. Sandra Johnson, Conservation Biologist, may be contacted at 701-328-6327 for additional information on golden eagle nest sites in the state.

We do not believe this project will have significant adverse effects on wildlife or wildlife habitat, including species of conservation priority, provided these recommendations are implemented where appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Link". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Greg Link
Chief
Conservation & Communication Division

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