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Laura Niemeier & Katie Gase:

The North Dakota Game & Fish Department (Dept.) was recently notified that a June 17 public hearing date has been set for the Ruso wind project. The Dept. has provided Ruso Wind Partners LLC and its consultants with comments on various phases of the proposed project. In our last correspondence dated Dec. 20, 2018 we recommended that project sponsors quantify “the direct impacts due to turbine pads, roads, and associated infrastructure and the indirect impacts due to displacement and avoidance”. We additionally provided suggestions on the best available science and possible methods to evaluate displacement. To date, we have not heard back from agents of Ruso Wind Partners LLC on our suggestions. Additionally the fact that we were never provided with specific (i.e. spatial) turbine pad locations, roads and transmission lines, it will be difficult for our agency to provide the North Dakota Public Service Commission with an accurate analysis of the proposed projects adverse impacts on fish and wildlife resources. If you would like to discuss this issue further, feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

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