

From: [Bowker, Alexandria C. \(SPC\)](#)
To: [Ashley Ross](#); [Mikayla Boche](#); [Randy Westman \(rwestman18@gmail.com\)](#)
Cc: [Wash, Elizabeth H. \(SPC\)](#)
Subject: Ruso PSC Permit-Airstrip Landowners Update
Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 2:41:25 PM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)
[Ruso Wind Farm - T4 Tower Concern.pdf](#)
[Filed Letter with PSC Addressing T-4.pdf](#)
[Ruso Meetings last week.msg](#)

Ashley and Mikayla,

A representative from Ruso Wind Partners, LLC met with landowners of the Oak Creek and Semchenko Airports to discuss our project and the impacts it would have to their airports. The Semchenko Airport landowner appreciated the information and supported the project. The Oak Creek Airport landowner raised concerns about alternate turbine location T-4 because it sat directly in his approach path. The ND Aeronautics Commission filed a letter with the PSC on his behalf requesting an alternative site (other than T-4) be considered. Ruso Wind Partners, LLC responded by filing a letter with the PSC stating that we will not be constructing a wind turbine at the T-4 location and we will utilize the additional 52 permanent turbine locations and 13 alternate turbine locations, as needed, to avoid placing a turbine at the T-4 location. Lastly, we did not meet with the Poleschook Airport landowner as we had been told that it hasn't been used in years and the pilot died a few years back.

Thanks,

Alex

Alex C. Bowker

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Exhibit 25 - Airstrip correspondence

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Exhibit 25 - Airstrip correspondence

Ruso Wind Partners, LLC

From: [Mikayla Boche](#)
To: ["Smith, Mollie"; Alexandria Bowker \(acbowker@southernco.com\)](#)
Cc: [Ashley Ross](#)
Subject: RE: Ruso PSC Permit-Airstrip Landowners Update
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 5:45:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.gif](#)

The NDAC correspondence I was reading from during our call this afternoon was included in the initial PSC filing. To summarize, the NDAC's initial response identified four airstrips and KLJ identified a fifth (Oak Creek). Further correspondence with NDAC indicated two airstrips could be disregarded because information about them could not be found: Polsfut and Scherski. Ruso Wind Partners, LLC attempted to contact the remaining three airstrips, with results below: Oak Creek, Semchencko, and Poleschook.

Mikayla Boche

KLJ – West Fargo

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From: Bowker, Alexandria C. (SPC) <acbowker@southernco.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 2:39 PM
To: Ashley Ross <Ashley.Ross@kljeng.com>; Mikayla Boche <Mikayla.Boche@kljeng.com>; Randy Westman (rwestman18@gmail.com) <rwestman18@gmail.com>
Cc: Wash, Elizabeth H. (SPC) <ewash@southernco.com>
Subject: Ruso PSC Permit-Airstrip Landowners Update

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From: [Ryan Ammermann](#)
To: [Bowker, Alexandria C. \(SPC\)](#)
Subject: Ruso Meetings last week
Date: Monday, January 14, 2019 3:30:44 PM
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)
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[Oak Creek Airstrip.pdf](#)

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Good Day Alex-

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I was able to meet with a couple of the private landing strip owners. Oak Creek Airport- Mark Malzer- Was interested in the project and is an active pilot using his air strip frequently in the summer months and less so in the winter. Mark wasn't overly concerned with the project overall except for the turbine which is direct south of his approach/departure end of his North South airstrip (attached Map). Semchenko Airport- Norval Semchenko- I talked to Norval for quite a while, we both noted that the project is several miles to the NE of his location therefore leading to a non-factor type discussion. He appreciated the information and supported the project. The Poleschook Airport exists only as an overgrown piece of rough grass. I talked to Mark and Norval and they noted that the Poleschook strip hasn't been used in years and that the pilot died a few years back.

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Regards,

Ryan Ammermann

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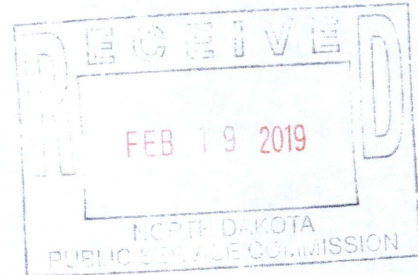
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February 18, 2019

North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
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Dear North Dakota Public Service Commission,

In response to the letter from the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission dated January 31, 2019, Ruso Wind Partners, LLC will not be constructing a wind turbine at the T-4 location to accommodate the safety of the aircrafts operating in and around airstrip 70ND. In the Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for a Certificate of Site Compatibility, Ruso Wind Partners, LLC identified fifty-three (53) permanent locations and thirteen (13) alternate turbine locations. We will utilize the additional fifty-two (52) permanent turbine locations and thirteen (13) alternate turbine locations, as needed, to avoid placing a turbine at the T-4 location.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Schaffeld III
SVP & Chief Development Officer
Southern Power Company

From: Wingo, Jared L.
To: [Ashley Ross](mailto:Ashley.Ross@kljeng.com)
Subject: RE: Invite for comment: Ruso Wind Project, McHenry, McLean, Ward Counties, ND - ND Aeronautics Response
Date: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 5:05:06 PM

Ashley,

I received the revised letter for the Ruso Wind project, dated 31 August. No additional potential impact other than what was stated in original response letter.

Have a great evening,

Jared L. Wingo

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From: Wingo, Jared L.
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 2:29 PM
To: 'Ashley Ross' <Ashley.Ross@kljeng.com>
Subject: Invite for comment: Ruso Wind Project, McHenry, McLean, Ward Counties, ND - ND Aeronautics Response

Ashley,

Attached is the NDAC's response to your firm's invitation for comments.

Summarize – Few private airstrips lay in close proximity or within the proposed project boundary. Advise KLJ contact individuals to invite for comments as well as submit FAA Form 7460-1 if applicable.

Have a great day,

Jared L. Wingo

Airport Planner
North Dakota Aeronautics Commission

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To: [Ashley Ross](#)
Subject: Invite for comment: Ruso Wind Project, McHenry, McLean, Ward Counties, ND - ND Aeronautics Response
Date: Monday, August 27, 2018 2:29:21 PM
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27 August 2018

Ashley Ross
Project Manager, KLJ
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Dear Ms. Ross,

I am writing in response to the invitation for comments concerning Project: RUSO WIND PROJECT –, MCHENRY, MCLEAN, AND WARD COUNTIES, NORTH DAKOTA

Upon review of the proposed project sketch, the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission (NDAC) found four potential private use airstrips within or close proximity of the projects' boundary as indicated using Google Earth. At this time, the NDAC recommends submitting FAA Form 7460-1s and to contact the potential landowner of these private airstrips.

Poleschook Airstrip
Polsfut Airstrip
Scheresky Airstrip
Semchenko Airport

Please give the NDAC a call if you have any comments, concerns, and/or questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jared L. Wingo".

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August 24, 2018

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Jared

Re: Ruso Wind Project
Ruso Wind Partners, LLC
Ward, McLean and McHenry Counties, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Wanner:

On behalf of Ruso Wind Partners, LLC, KLJ is preparing applications for the Ruso Wind Project pursuant to the North Dakota Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Siting Act for consideration by the North Dakota Public Service Commission. The applications include the development of a wind farm and associated transmission line in Ward, McLean and McHenry Counties, North Dakota. Please refer to the enclosed **Project Location Map**.

The Ruso Wind Project is expected to include approximately 52 turbines capable of generating approximately 200 megawatts of electric power. The power is expected to be interconnected to the grid via a new 230-kilovolt transmission line approximately 6 to 8 miles in length. Construction of the project is expected to begin during the fall of 2020, with the wind farm expected to become operational by the end of 2021. No federal funding is anticipated.

We are soliciting your views and comments on the proposed project. We are particularly interested in any property within the project area that your agency may own or have an interest in. We would also appreciate being made aware of any proposed development your agency may be contemplating within or near the project area. Any information that might help us with the applications would be appreciated.

We request that you please provide any comments or information you may have regarding the Ruso Wind Project to our office on or before September 24, 2018. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 701-250-5961 or ashley.ross@kljeng.com. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

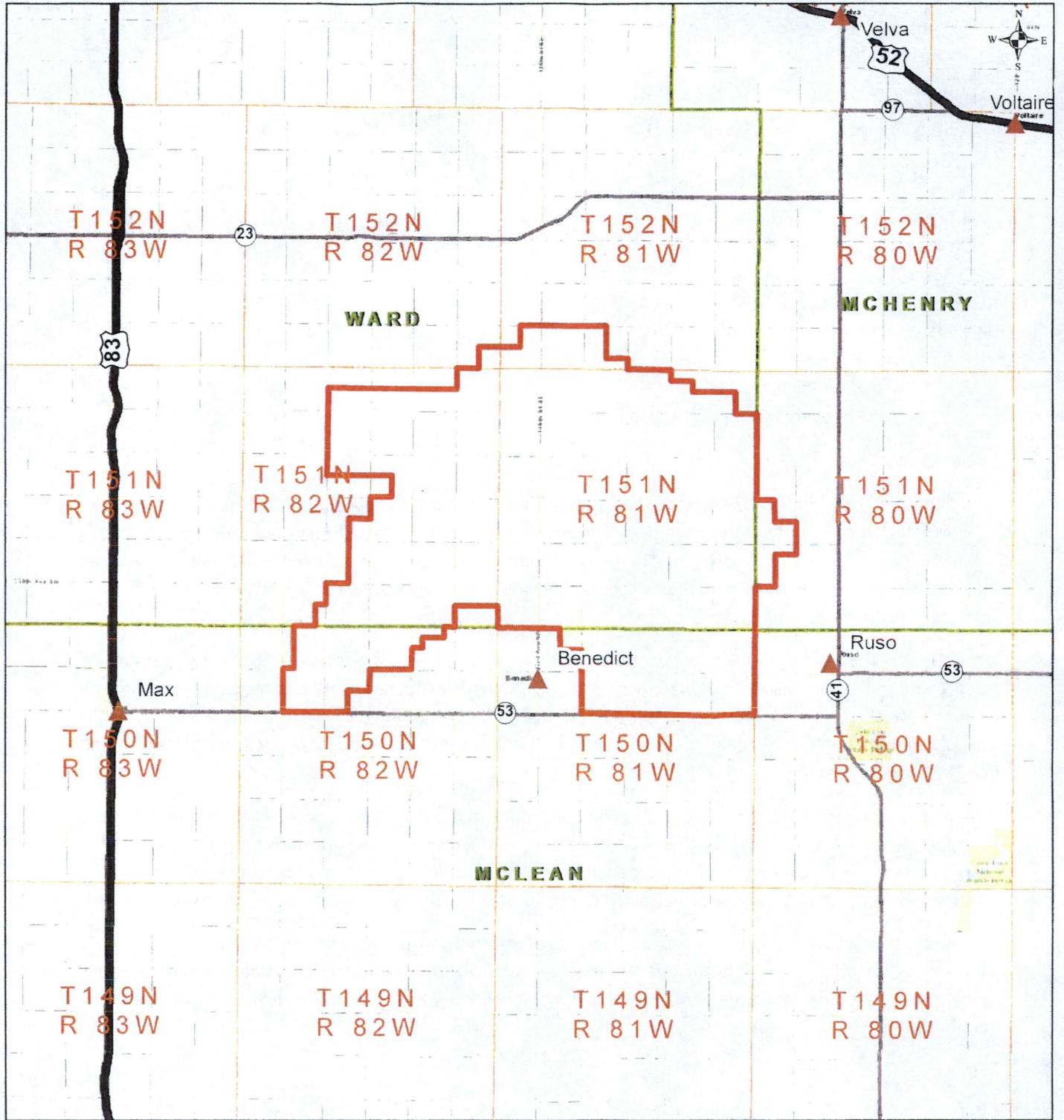
Sincerely,

KLJ

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Ashley Ross, Project Manager

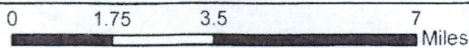
Enclosure: Project Location Map



Ruso Wind Project

Ward, McLean & McHenry Counties,
North Dakota

- US Highways
- ND Highways
- County Boundary
- PLSS Townships
- PLSS Sections
- Study Area
- Cities



8/22/2018

From: Wanner, Kyle C. [mailto:kcwanner@nd.gov]

Sent: Friday, October 5, 2018 12:25 PM

To: Ashley Ross <Ashley.Ross@kljeng.com>

Subject: RE: Invite for comment: Ruso Wind Project, McHenry, McLean, Ward Counties, ND - ND Aeronautics Response

My apologies – looks like I was also unable to find the contact information for either of those private strips. I would recommend moving forward with the contacts that you have.

Regards,

Kyle Wanner, Director
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From: Ashley Ross <Ashley.Ross@kljeng.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2018 9:15 AM

To: Wanner, Kyle C. <kcwanner@nd.gov>

Subject: RE: Invite for comment: Ruso Wind Project, McHenry, McLean, Ward Counties, ND - ND Aeronautics Response

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Kyle,

What you had attached appears to be for the Poleschook Airstrip, not the Polsfut.

Thanks,

Ashley Ross
KLJ - Bismarck
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From: Wanner, Kyle C. [<mailto:kcwanner@nd.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 1:35 PM

To: Ashley Ross <Ashley.Ross@kljeng.com>

Subject: RE: Invite for comment: Ruso Wind Project, McHenry, McLean, Ward Counties, ND - ND Aeronautics Response

Ashley,

I was able to find information related to the Polsfut Airstrip (see attached) but not the Schereski airstrip. It may no longer be a registered private airstrip. I would recommend moving forward without the need to try to contact the Schereski strip as I cannot find contact information either.

Regards,

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From: Ashley Ross <Ashley.Ross@kljeng.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 11:30 AM

To: Wanner, Kyle C. <kcwanner@nd.gov>

Subject: FW: Invite for comment: Ruso Wind Project, McHenry, McLean, Ward Counties, ND - ND Aeronautics Response

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Kyle,

With Jared's departure, would you be able to assist with my question below? I've attached our project location map for your reference. Let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you,

Ashley Ross
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701-250-5961

From: Ashley Ross

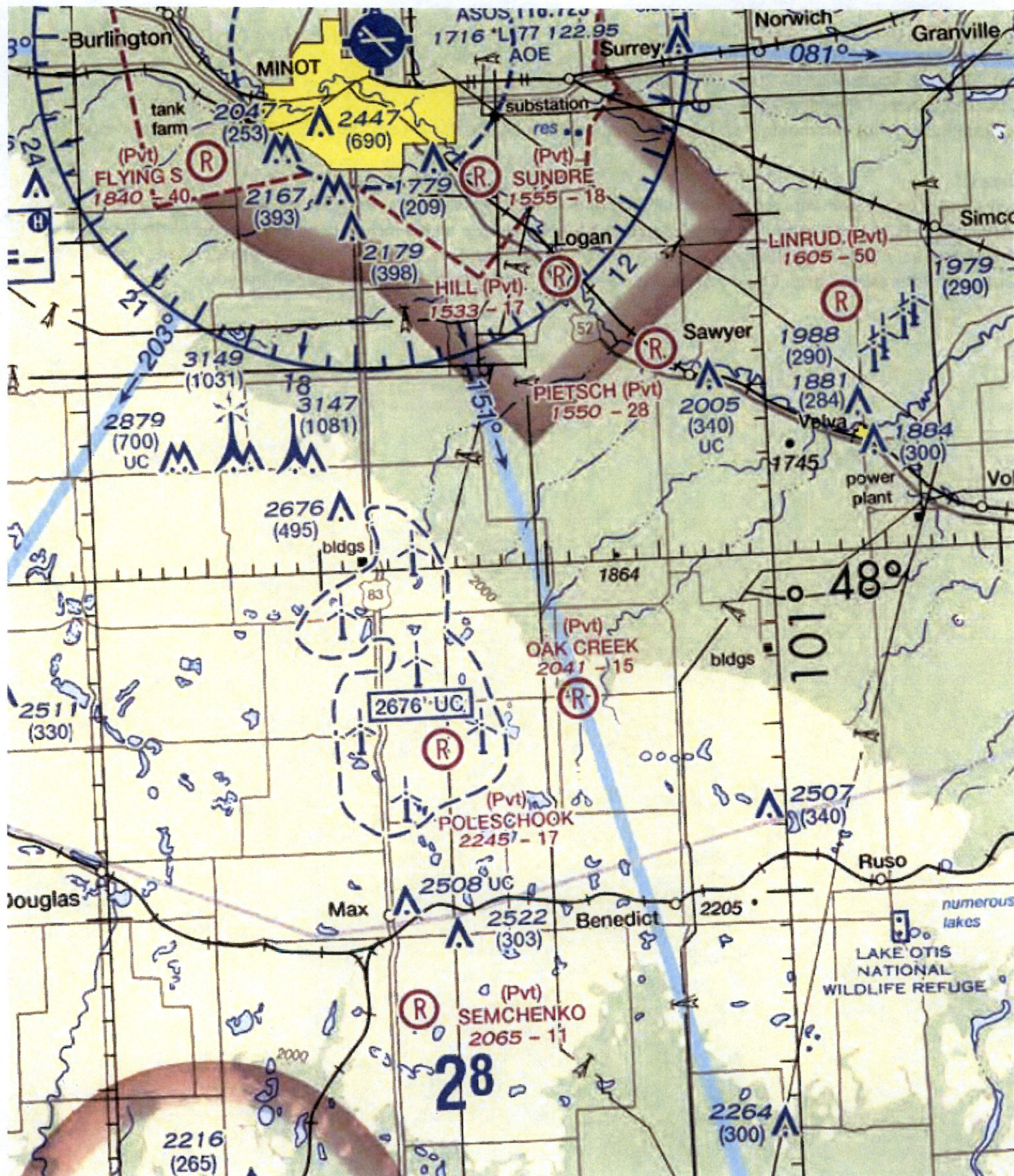
Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2018 10:02 AM

To: 'Wingo, Jared L.' <jwingo@nd.gov>

Subject: RE: Invite for comment: Ruso Wind Project, McHenry, McLean, Ward Counties, ND - ND Aeronautics Response

Hi Jared,

Thank you for your comments regarding the Ruso Wind Project. We would like to clarify the location of the airstrips/airports you identified. We have located Poleschook Airstrip and Semchenko Airstrip (versus Airport) on the Billings Sectional Aeronautical Chart, in addition to Oak Creek Airstrip (see below). However, we do not see Polsfut Airstrip and Schereski Airstrip. Could you please provide the locations for those airstrips? Thank you!



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 KLJ - Bismarck
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 Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 2:29 PM

To: Ashley Ross <Ashley.Ross@klijeng.com>

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