

November 8, 2019

Katie Schmidt
E3 Environmental, LCC
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Re: Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation – Robinson Lake Oil Conditioning Facility Expansion Project

Dear Ms. Schmidt,

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department has reviewed the above referenced proposed Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation – Robinson Lake Oil Conditioning Facility Expansion Project in Mountrail County, North Dakota

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 affect Land and Water Conservation Fund recreation projects that we coordinate.

The North Dakota Natural Heritage biological conservation database has reviewed the project to determine if any current or historical 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, we have no rare species or significant ecological community documented within or adjacent to project site. The absence of data may indicate that the project area has not been surveyed, rather than confirm that the area lacks natural heritage resources.

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/Biologist II, Natural Resources Division

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**Exhibit 3 - Letter from ND Parks and Recreation
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RE: Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation:
Robinson Lake Oil Conditioning Facility Expansion Project
Project Notification Follow Up Letter and Review Request

Ms. Duttonhefner,

On October 15, 2019 a project notification letter was sent regarding the Robinson Lake Oil Conditioning Facility Expansion Project (Project). We respectfully request acknowledgement from you regarding the project. If no response is received by mid-February we will assume the North Dakota Department of Parks and Recreation has no concerns or comments on the project. Below is a brief summary of the Project.

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (Whiting), is planning the Robinson Lake Oil Conditioning Facility Expansion Project (Project). The Project would result in the expansion of the existing oil conditioning facility and would include additional equipment within the existing site footprint. The Project would be located within Mountrail County North Dakota in the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 14, Township 153N and Range 91W. The planned operating conditions of the Facility will exceed the North Dakota Public Service Commission's (Commission's) siting threshold. As a result, the Project falls under the Commission's jurisdiction. Expansion activities are scheduled to begin as early as March of 2020 with Facility commissioning potentially as early as July 2020.

E3 Environmental has been retained by Whiting to provide environmental consulting support for this Project. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 651-282-0652 or kschmidt@go2e3.com.

Sincerely,

Katie Schmidt, Senior Consultant
E3 Environmental, LLC

cc: Whiting Project Files