

August 26, 2022

Joan Breiner  
Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Highway 36 Sinkhole

Dear Ms. Breiner,

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) has reviewed the above-referenced sinkhole near Highway 36 in Burleigh County, North Dakota.

NDPRD's scope of authority and expertise covers properties that NDPRD owns, leases, or manages; properties protected under Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF); rare plants; and ecological communities established through the Natural Heritage Program.

The project does not appear to affect properties NDPRD owns, leases, or manages.

The project does not appear to affect any properties protected under Section 6(f) of the LWCF.

A North Dakota Natural Heritage biological conservation database query determines 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 one known significant ecological communities documented adjacent to the project site. See the attached map for a reference regarding these occurrences.

We appreciate your commitment to rare plant, animal, and ecological community conservation, management, and inter-agency cooperation. For additional information, please me at 701-328-5370, 701-220-3377 (cell), or kgduttonhefner@nd.gov.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed project.

Sincerely,



Kathy Duttonhefner, Chief Natural Resources Division

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Response to Advisory letter regarding Wilton sinkhole emergency - electronic only  
North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department  
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North Dakota Natural Heritage Inventory  
 Rare Animal and Plant Species and Significant Ecological Communities

State Scientific Name	State Common Name	State Rank	Global Rank	Federal Status	Township Range Section	County	Last Observation	Estimated Representation Accuracy	Precision
Pascopyrum smithii - stipa comata prairie	Central Mixed Grass Prairie	S2	GNR		142N079W - 05; 142N079W - 06	Burleigh	2010-08-10	Low	

# North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department North Dakota Natural Heritage Inventory

