

March 29, 2022

ND Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Ave, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Coteau Properties Company – 5-year Permit – Mercer County

Dear Commissioners,

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) has reviewed the above-referenced application from Coteau Properties Company to renew and revise Surface Coal Mining Permit no. NACT-9101 in Mercer 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 that 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, no known plant and animal species of concern or significant ecological communities were documented within or immediately adjacent to the project site.

We appreciate your commitment to rare plant, animal, and ecological community conservation, management, and inter-agency cooperation to date. For additional information, please get in touch with Kathy Duttenhefner at 701-328-5370, 701-220-3377 (cell), or [kgduttenhefner@nd.gov](mailto:kgduttenhefner@nd.gov).

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

Sincerely,



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Natural Resources Division

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North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department  
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