

Energy Infrastructure and Impact Office North Dakota Department of Trust Land 1707 North 9th Street PO Box 5523 Bismarck ND 58506

September 29, 2023 Date:

Our Ref: 30192665

Subject: Thunder Butte Pipeline, LLC: Thunder Butte Pipeline Project,

Ward and Mountrail Counties, North Dakota

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Re: Thunder Butte Pipeline Project in Mountrail and Ward Counties

Dear Ms. Cloutier:

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- 2. Care is to be taken during construction activity near any water of the state to minimize adverse effects on a water body. This includes minimal disturbance of stream beds and banks to prevent excess siltation, and the replacement and revegetation of any disturbed area as soon as possible after work has been completed. Caution must also be taken to prevent spills of oil and grease that may reach the receiving water from equipment maintenance and/or the handling of fuels on the site. Guidelines for minimizing degradation to waterways during construction are attached.
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- 4. The construction project overlies the Hiddenwood Lake surficial aquifer. Care should be taken to avoid spills of any materials that may have an adverse effect on groundwater quality. All spills must be immediately reported to this department and appropriate remedial actions performed.
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JON KETTERLING, P.E. DIRECTOR - OFFICE OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

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October 18, 2023

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Re: Thunder Butte Pipeline, LLC Thunder Butte Pipeline Project

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

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Dear Ms. Cloutier:

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The proposed project has been reviewed by Department of Water Resources, and the following comments are provided:

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide review comments. Should you have further questions, please contact me at (701) 328-4967 or cjdrevecky@nd.gov.

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Sincerely,

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Date: September 29, 2023

Our Ref: 30192665

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Listed and candidate threatened and endangered species with the potential to be affected by the Project, as identified by the USFWS's Information Planning and Consultation (IPaC) tool completed on September 22, 2023, are listed in the following table. The Project area does not overlap the critical habitat for these species. Lands within and adjacent to the ROWs for both the proposed pipeline and the existing Enbridge pipeline and the midline pump station site are previously disturbed agricultural land. As result of historic disturbance, the pipeline corridors and midline pump station have little or no suitable habitat for these protected species. In addition, disturbances to streams and jurisdictional wetlands or Waters of the U.S. within the proposed pipeline corridor will be avoided by using horizontal directional drilling.

Name	Status	Comments
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Monarch Butterfly (Danaus plexippus)	Candidate	The monarch butterfly is unlikely to be present because no milkweed or other nectar plants occur within or near the Project area; however, this species may occasionally traverse the Project area during migration.

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In Reply Refer To: September 22, 2023

Project Code: 2023-0132116

Project Name: Thunder Butte Pipeline Project

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project

location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list. The Act requires that actions authorized, funded, or carried out by Federal agencies not jeopardize federally threatened or endangered species or adversely modify designated critical habitat. To fulfill this mandate, Federal agencies (or their designated non-federal representative) must consult with the Service if they determine their project and associated actions "may affect" listed species or critical habitat. If Federal agencies or their non-federal representatives determine their project and associated actions will have "no effect" on listed species, their habitats, or designated critical habitat, consultation is not required. However, if a "no effect" is determined, we recommend that you maintain a written record in support of your conclusion.

Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and Migratory Bird Treaty Act

Additionally, while not all are listed as threatened or endangered, eagles and migratory birds

have protections under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). The BGEPA prohibits take which is defined as, "pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, destroy, molest, or disturb" (50 CFR 22.3). Disturb is defined in regulations as, "to agitate or bother a bald or golden eagle to a degree that causes, or is likely to cause, based on the best scientific information available, 1) injury to an eagle, 2) decrease in its productivity, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior, or 3) nest abandonment, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior.". The MBTA makes it unlawful without a waiver to pursue, hunt, take, capture, kill, or sell birds listed as migratory birds, including eagles. The statute does not discriminate between live or dead birds and also grants full protection to any bird parts including feathers, eggs, and nests.

Service Property Interests

As part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, the Service administers fee title Refuge and Waterfowl Production Areas, as well as wetland and grassland easements, throughout North Dakota. For exact locations of Service interest lands, please contact the appropriate Wetland Management Districts (WMD) for guidance regarding FWS easements.

Northwest ND WMD Complex: Kyle Flanery, (701) 768-2548 Eastern ND WMD Complex: Dave Azure, (701) 285-3341

Central ND WMD Complex (also covers south and west): Todd Luke, (701) 442-5474

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List
- USFWS National Wildlife Refuges and Fish Hatcheries
- Wetlands

OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST

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This species list is provided by:

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Code: 2023-0132116

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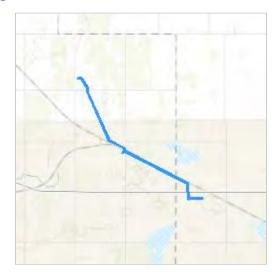
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Project Location:

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: https://www.google.com/maps/@47.99300465,-101.90055074434673,14z



Counties: Mountrail and Ward counties, North Dakota

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES

There is a total of 5 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

1. <u>NOAA Fisheries</u>, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

BIRDS

NAME STATUS

Piping Plover Charadrius melodus

Threatened

 $Population: [At lantic \ Coast \ and \ Northern \ Great \ Plains \ populations] \ - \ Wherever \ found, \ except$

those areas where listed as endangered.

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6039

Red Knot Calidris canutus rufa

Threatened

There is **proposed** critical habitat for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1864

Whooping Crane *Grus americana*

Endangered

Population: Wherever found, except where listed as an experimental population

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Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/758

INSECTS

NAME STATUS

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Threatened

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1028

Monarch Butterfly Danaus plexippus

Candidate

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743

CRITICAL HABITATS

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IF YOUR PROJECT(S) MAY HAVE EFFECTS ON ALL ABOVE LISTED SPECIES.

USFWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE LANDS AND FISH HATCHERIES

Any activity proposed on lands managed by the <u>National Wildlife Refuge</u> system must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. Please contact the individual Refuges to discuss any questions or concerns.

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WETLANDS

Impacts to <u>NWI wetlands</u> and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local <u>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District</u>.

Please note that the NWI data being shown may be out of date. We are currently working to update our NWI data set. We recommend you verify these results with a site visit to determine the actual extent of wetlands on site.

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Date: November 27, 2023

Our Ref: 30192665

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Archaeologist Bluemle found no cultural resources in the three segment APEs; therefore, Metcalf recommends a finding of *No Historic Properties Affected* [36 CFR 800.4(d)(1)] for this undertaking. A copy of the Class III Cultural Resource Inventory Report is enclosed.

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Figure 1

Metcalf Class III Cultural Resource Inventory Report



January 2, 2024

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SHSND Ref: 24-0067 Thunder Butte Pipeline Project Ref 301926665 in portions of McLean, Ward, and Mountrail Counties, North Dakota

Dear Kathryn,

We've reviewed the report for project SHSND Ref: 24-0067 titled "A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for the Thunder Butte Pipeline, Mountrail and Ward Counties, North Dakota, Revised" from Metcalf Archaeological Consultants by J. Signe Snortland. We find the report acceptable and will add it to our manuscript collection.

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If you have any questions please contact Margie Patton, Research Archaeologist at 701-328-3576 or mmpatton@nd.gov.

Sincerely,

for William D. Peterson, PhD

Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

Margaret Mouto



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disturb a total of approximately 40 acres on privately-owned agricultural land. adjacent 50-foot-wide temporary construction workspace. Construction of the proposed pipeline will temporarily an 80-foot-wide construction right-of way (ROW), consisting of a 30-foot-wide permanent easement and an The Project is scheduled to begin construction in the spring of 2024. The proposed pipeline will be installed using

a minimum cover of 72 inches. pipeline, the existing pipeline, and the midline pump station are previously disturbed agricultural land. Following constructed abutting the existing Canadian Pacific Railway ROW. Lands within and adjacent to the proposed construction, the new pipeline will be located within an existing 30-foot-wide permanent easement and buried with Approximately 3 miles of the proposed pipeline will be within the FBIR, approximately 2.3 miles of which will be

temporary access roads, workspaces/laydown areas on October 2, 2023. A total of 147 acres were surveyed. pipeline corridor, a proposed midline pump station (4.0-acre site), two new permanent access roads, and several potential effects (APE). Metcalf Principal Investigator William Bluemle surveyed 3.84 miles at 300' wide of the new Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Inc. (Metcalf) conducted a Class III cultural resource inventory of the area of

finding of No Historic Properties Affected [36 CFR 800.4(d)(1)] for this undertaking. A copy of the Class III Cultural Resource Inventory Report is enclosed Archaeologist Bluemle found no cultural resources in the three segment APEs; therefore, Metcalf recommends a

Please direct any questions or correspondence concerning the Project to me at 303-471-3410 or Doug Anderson at 303-471-3484.

Sincerely,

Arcadis U.S., Inc.

Kathryn Cloutier

Kathryn Cloutier

Project Manager

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Enclosures: Figure 1

Metcalf Class III Cultural Resource Inventory Report



United States Department of Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Bismarck State Office PO Box 1458 Bismarck, ND 58502-1458

Voice 701.530.2000 Fax 855-813-7556 October 10, 2023

Kathryn Cloutier Arcadis U.S., Inc. 630 Plaza Drive, Suite 200 Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

Dear Ms. Cloutier:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has reviewed your letter dated September 29, 2023, concerning the Thunder Butte Pipeline Project in Ward and Mountrail Counties, North Dakota.

NRCS has a major responsibility with the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) in documenting conversion of farmland (i.e., Prime, Statewide Importance and/or Local Importance) to non-agricultural use. It appears your proposed project is not supported by federal funding; therefore, FPPA does not apply, and no further action is needed.

Wetlands

The Wetland Conservation Provisions of the 1985 Food Security Act, as amended, provide that if a USDA participant converts a wetland for the purpose or to have the effect of making agricultural production possible, loss of USDA benefits could occur. NRCS has developed the following guidelines for the installation of permanent structures where wetlands occur. If these guidelines are followed the impacts to the wetland will be considered minimal allowing USDA participants to continue to receive USDA benefits. Following are the requirements:

- Disturbance to the wetland must be temporary.
- No drainage of wetland is allowed (temporary or permanent).
- > Mechanized landscaping necessary for installation is kept to a minimum and preconstruction contours are maintained.
- > Temporary side cast material must be placed in such a manner not to be dispersed in the wetland.
- All trenches must be backfilled to the original wetland bottom elevation.

NRCS recommends that impacts to wetlands be avoided.

If you have additional questions pertaining to FPPA, please contact Wade Bott, State Soil Scientist, NRCS, Bismarck, North Dakota at 701-530-2021.

Sincerely,

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Liz France < lfrance@metcalfarchaeology.com> To: EditingTeamND <editingteamnd@metcalfarchaeology.com> Fri Dec 08, 2023 at 10:25 AM

Hi Damita and Dierdre,

Can you please upload the Thunder Buttes PL report to the SHPO FTP site.

Thanks Liz



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Fri, Dec 08, 2023 at 10:49 AM

Doing it now!

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Awesome!

Thanks

Liz

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Good afternoon,

The report and shapefiles for the following project have been uploaded to the FTP server:

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If you have any questions please let us know.

Thank you,

Dierdre Bostyan | Assistant Regional Project Coordinator | Project Manager

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, OMAHA DISTRICT NORTH DAKOTA REGULATORY OFFICE 3319 UNIVERSITY DRIVE BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA 58504

April 22, 2024

SUBJECT: NWO-2018-01825-BIS – Thunder Butte Pipeline – Approved Jurisdictional Determination

Mr. Stephen Chu Arcadis U.S., Inc. 126 North Jefferson Street, Suite 400 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Mr. Chu:

This letter is in response to your request received on October 2, 2023 for an approved jurisdictional determination for the Thunder Butte Pipeline. The site is located in Sections 18 and 19 of Township 152 North, Range 87 West and in Sections 2 and 11 – 14 of Township 152 North, Range 88 West, Mountrail and Ward Counties, North Dakota. Your request has been assigned the Corps Regulatory File Number referenced above. Please reference this file number on any correspondence to us or to other interested parties when referencing this project or concerning this request.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) regulates the discharge of dredged and fill material into waters of the United States under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 U.S.C. 1344) and structures or work in, over, and under navigable waters of the United States under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) (33 U.S.C. 403). The implementing regulations for these Acts are published in the Code of Federal Regulations at 33 CFR parts 330-332.

Based on our evaluation of the information provided and other available information, we have determined the following resources are jursidictional: **W1**, **W6**, **W7**, **W9**, **and OW-1**. The attached approved jurisdictional determination provides rationale for why these aquatic resources meet the definition of waters of the United States. Based on this determination, a Department of the Army permit <u>is</u> required for the discharge of dredged or fill material into these aquatic resources. This determination does not eliminate requirements to obtain any other applicable federal, state, tribal, or local permits.

Also, based on our evaluation of the information provided and other available information, we have determined the following resources are non-jurisdictional: W2, W3, W4, W5, W8, and W10. The attached approved jurisdictional determination provides rationale for why these aquatic resources do not meet the definition of waters of the United States. Based on this determination, a Department of the Army permit is not required for the discharge of dredged or fill material into these aquatic resources. This determination does not eliminate requirements to obtain any other applicable federal, state, tribal, or local permits.

Attached to this letter is the approved jurisdictional determination for your project site. This jurisdictional determination is valid for a 5-year period from the date of this letter, until **April 21, 2029**, unless new information warrants revision of the determination before the expiration date. If you object to this determination, you may request an administrative appeal under Corps regulations at 33 CFR part 331. Enclosed you will find a *Notification of Administrative Appeal Options and Process and Request for Appeal* (NAO-RFA) form. If you request to appeal this determination, you must submit a completed NAO-RFA form to the address listed on the form.

For an NAO-RFA to be accepted by the Corps, the Corps must determine that it is completed, that it meets the criteria for appeal under 33 CFR 331.5, and that it has been received by the Division Office within 60 days of the date of the NAO-RFA. Should you decide to submit an NAO-RFA form, it must be received at the Division Office by **June 20**, **2024**. It is not necessary to submit an NAO-RFA form to the Division Office if you do not object to the determination in this letter.

In the event that you disagree with this approved jurisdictional determination and you have **new information** not considered in the original determination, you may request reconsideration of this determination by contacting this office prior to initiating an appeal. To request this reconsideration based upon new information, you must submit the new information to this office so that it is received within 60 days of the date of the NAO-RFA.

The Corps' Omaha District, Regulatory Branch is committed to providing quality and timely service to our customers. In an effort to improve customer service, please take a moment to complete our Customer Service Survey found on our website at https://regulatory.ops.usace.army.mil/customer-service-survey/. If you do not have Internet access, you may call and request a paper copy of the survey that you can complete and return by mail. Additionally, further information regarding the Omaha District Regulatory Program can be obtained by visiting our website at https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Program/.

If you have any questions concerning this jurisdictional determination, please contact Mr. Hadden Carlberg at the above address, by phone at 701-255-0015, ext. 2012, or by email at Hadden.J.Carlberg@usace.army.mil, and reference file number NWO-2018-01825-BIS.

Sincerely,

Benjamin N. Soiseth Chief. North Dakota Section

Enclosures

cc: Kathryn Cloutier, Project Manager, Arcadis U.S., Inc.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, OMAHA DISTRICT NORTH DAKOTA REGULATORY OFFICE 3319 UNIVERSITY DRIVE BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA 58504

CENWO-ODR-ND April 17, 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Pre-2015 Regulatory Regime Approved Jurisdictional Determination in Light of *Sackett v. EPA*, 143 S. Ct. 1322 (2023), NWO-2018-01825-BIS, Thunder Butte Pipeline ²

BACKGROUND. An Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD) is a Corps document stating the presence or absence of waters of the United States on a parcel or a written statement and map identifying the limits of waters of the United States on a parcel. AJDs are clearly designated appealable actions and will include a basis of JD with the document.³ AJDs are case-specific and are typically made in response to a request. AJDs are valid for a period of five years unless new information warrants revision of the determination before the expiration date or a District Engineer has identified, after public notice and comment, that specific geographic areas with rapidly changing environmental conditions merit reverification on a more frequent basis.⁴ For the purposes of this AJD, we have relied on section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (RHA),⁵ the Clean Water Act (CWA) implementing regulations published by the Department of the Army in 1986 and amended in 1993 (references 2.a. and 2.b. respectively), the 2008 *Rapanos-Carabell* guidance (reference 2.c.), and other applicable guidance, relevant case law and longstanding practice, (collectively the pre-2015 regulatory regime), and the *Sackett* decision (reference 2.d.) in evaluating jurisdiction.

This Memorandum for Record (MFR) constitutes the basis of jurisdiction for a Corps AJD as defined in 33 CFR §331.2. The features addressed in this AJD were evaluated consistent with the definition of "waters of the United States" found in the pre-2015 regulatory regime and consistent with the Supreme Court's decision in *Sackett*. This AJD did not rely on the 2023 "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States," as amended on 8 September 2023 (Amended 2023 Rule) because, as of the date of this decision, the Amended 2023 Rule is not applicable in this state due to litigation.

¹ While the Supreme Court's decision in *Sackett* had no effect on some categories of waters covered under the CWA, and no effect on any waters covered under RHA, all categories are included in this Memorandum for Record for efficiency.

² When documenting aquatic resources within the review area that are jurisdictional under the Clean Water Act (CWA), use an additional MFR and group the aquatic resources on each MFR based on the TNW, interstate water, or territorial seas that they are connected to. Be sure to provide an identifier to indicate when there are multiple MFRs associated with a single AJD request (i.e., number them 1, 2, 3, etc.).

³ 33 CFR 331.2.

⁴ Regulatory Guidance Letter 05-02.

⁵ USACE has authority under both Section 9 and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 but for convenience, in this MFR, jurisdiction under RHA will be referred to as Section 10.

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1. SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS.

a. Provide a list of each individual feature within the review area and the jurisdictional status of each one (i.e., identify whether each feature is/is not a water of the United States and/or a navigable water of the United States).

i.	W-1	WOTUS	jurisdictional	adjacent wetland	(Section 404)
ii.	W-2	Non-WOTUS	non-jurisdictional	non-adjacent wetland	
iii.	W-3	Non-WOTUS	non-jurisdictional	non-adjacent wetland	
iv.	W-4	Non-WOTUS	non-jurisdictional	non-adjacent wetland	
٧.	W-5	Non-WOTUS	non-jurisdictional	non-adjacent wetland	
vi.	W-6	WOTUS	jurisdictional	adjacent wetland	(Section 404)
vii.	W-7	WOTUS	jurisdictional	adjacent wetland	(Section 404)
viii.	W-8	Non-WOTUS	non-jurisdictional	non-adjacent wetland	
ix.	W-9	WOTUS	jurisdictional	adjacent wetland	(Section 404)
Χ.	W-10	Non-WOTUS	non-jurisdictional	non-adjacent wetland	
xi.	OW-1	WOTUS	jurisdictional	tributary	(Section 404)

2. REFERENCES.

- a. Final Rule for Regulatory Programs of the Corps of Engineers, 51 FR 41206 (November 13, 1986).
- b. Clean Water Act Regulatory Programs, 58 FR 45008 (August 25, 1993).
- c. U.S. EPA & U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Clean Water Act Jurisdiction Following the U.S. Supreme Court's Decision in *Rapanos v. United States & Carabell v. United States* (December 2, 2008)
- d. Sackett v. EPA, 598 U.S. _, 143 S. Ct. 1322 (2023)
- e. 2008 Rapanos Guidance
- 3. REVIEW AREA. Review area is approximately 96.85 acres near the City of Makoti, Mountrail and Ward Counties in Sections 18 and 19, Township 152 North, Range 87 West and in Sections 2 and 11 14, Township 152 North, Range 88 West. Project is centered at 47.987734° North, -101.888990° West. Review area boundary and aquatic resource maps are attached.

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- 4. NEAREST TRADITIONAL NAVIGABLE WATER (TNW), INTERSTATE WATER, OR THE TERRITORIAL SEAS TO WHICH THE AQUATIC RESOURCE IS CONNECTED. The Missouri River is the nearest TNW. ⁶
- 5. FLOWPATH FROM THE SUBJECT AQUATIC RESOURCES TO A TNW, INTERSTATE WATER, OR THE TERRITORIAL SEAS W1, W6, W7, and W9 are maintain a continuous surface connection to or abut East Fork Shell Creek, a relatively permanent tributary to the Missouri River. Water from W1 flows north through a ≈50' culvert under the railroad tracks, flowing ≈4,275' north-northeast before emptying into East Fork Shell Creek. Water from W6 flows northeast through a ≈60' culvert under the railroad tracks, flowing ≈1,390' north before emptying into East Fork Shell Creek. Water from W7 flows northeast through a ≈75' culvert under the railroad tracks, before flowing west-northwest for ≈4,000' before emptying into East Fork Shell Creek. W9 directly abuts East Fork Shell Creek. From the project boundary near W9, East Fork Shell Creek then flows ≈35mi west-southwest before emptying into the Van Hook Arm of the Missouri River ≈8.25mi southwest of Parshall, North Dakota.
- 6. SECTION 10 JURISDICTIONAL WATERS⁷: Describe aquatic resources or other features within the review area determined to be jurisdictional in accordance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. Include the size of each aquatic resource or other feature within the review area and how it was determined to be jurisdictional in accordance with Section 10. N/A ⁸
- 7. SECTION 404 JURISDICTIONAL WATERS: Describe the aquatic resources within the review area that were found to meet the definition of waters of the United States in accordance with the pre-2015 regulatory regime and consistent with the Supreme Court's decision in Sackett. List each aquatic resource separately, by name, consistent with the naming convention used in section 1, above. Include a rationale for each aquatic resource, supporting that the aquatic resource meets the relevant category of "waters of the United States" in the pre-2015 regulatory regime. The rationale should also include a written description of, or reference to a map in the administrative record

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⁶ This MFR should not be used to complete a new stand-alone TNW determination. A stand-alone TNW determination for a water that is not subject to Section 9 or 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (RHA) is completed independently of a request for an AJD. A stand-alone TNW determination is conducted for a specific segment of river or stream or other type of waterbody, such as a lake, where upstream or downstream limits or lake borders are established.

⁷ 33 CFR 329.9(a) A waterbody which was navigable in its natural or improved state, or which was susceptible of reasonable improvement (as discussed in § 329.8(b) of this part) retains its character as "navigable in law" even though it is not presently used for commerce, or is presently incapable of such use because of changed conditions or the presence of obstructions.

⁸ This MFR is not to be used to make a report of findings to support a determination that the water is a navigable water of the United States. The district must follow the procedures outlined in 33 CFR part 329.14 to make a determination that water is a navigable water of the United States subject to Section 10 of the RHA.

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that shows, the lateral limits of jurisdiction for each aquatic resource, including how that limit was determined, and incorporate relevant references used. Include the size of each aquatic resource in acres or linear feet and attach and reference related figures as needed.

a. TNWs (a)(1): N/A

b. Interstate Waters (a)(2): N/A

c. Other Waters (a)(3): N/A

d. Impoundments (a)(4): N/A

- e. Tributaries (a)(5): OW1 (measuring 246 linear feet) was assessed and determined to be a relatively permanent tributary (East Fork Shell Creek) to a TNW (the Missouri River). Utilizing Google Earth Pro aerial imagery (2009 − 2023) and USGS's StreamStats, along with USGS's National Hydrography Dataset (NHD), 3D Elevation Program (3DEP) Digital Elevation Model (DEM), and 3DEP Hillshade layers, and USFWS's National Wetland Inventory (NWI) dataset within the Corps' National Regulatory Viewer (NRV), it was determined that W9 directly abuts OW-1 and East Fork Shell Creek flows for ≈35mi west-southwest from the project location near W9 before emptying into the Van Hook Arm of the Missouri River. Based on a review of the precipitation and drainage data reviewed below in Section 9, water enters this feature via precipitation events and surface runoff.
- f. The territorial seas (a)(6): N/A
- g. Adjacent wetlands (a)(7): W1, W6, W7, and W9 (totaling 7.14 acres) were assessed and determined to be wetlands that possess a continuous surface connection via discrete features to a requisite RPW (East Fork Shell Creek). Utilizing Google Earth Pro aerial imagery (2009 2023) and USGS's StreamStats, along with USGS's NHD, 3DEP DEM, and 3DEP Hillshade layers, and USFWS's NWI dataset within NRV, it was determined that these features are connected to East Fork Shell Creek via culverts under the railroad tracks as well as channelized features that provide a continuous surface connection from the culverts to East Fork Shell Creek. Based on a review of the precipitation and drainage data reviewed below in Section 9, along with the locations of these features within the landscape, water enters these features via precipitation events, surface runoff, and, in the case of W9, from the hydrology of adjacent waterbodies.

8. NON-JURISDICTIONAL AQUATIC RESOURCES AND FEATURES

a. Describe aquatic resources and other features within the review area identified as "generally non-jurisdictional" in the preamble to the 1986 regulations (referred to as

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"preamble waters"). Include size of the aquatic resource or feature within the review area and describe how it was determined to be non-jurisdictional under the CWA as a preamble water. N/A

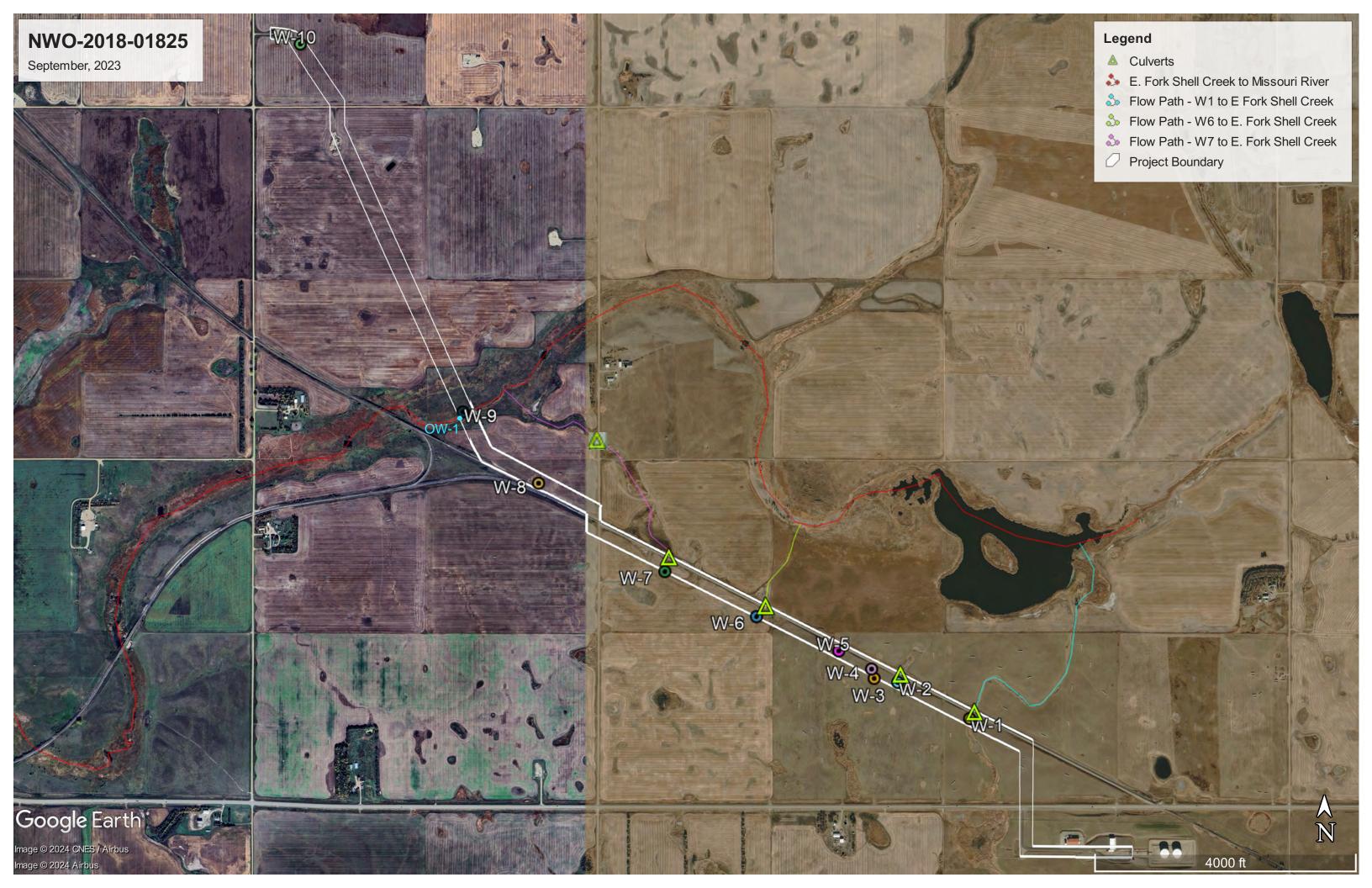
- b. Describe aquatic resources and features within the review area identified as "generally not jurisdictional" in the *Rapanos* guidance. Include size of the aquatic resource or feature within the review area and describe how it was determined to be non-jurisdictional under the CWA based on the criteria listed in the guidance. N/A
- c. Describe aquatic resources and features identified within the review area as waste treatment systems, including treatment ponds or lagoons designed to meet the requirements of CWA. Include the size of the waste treatment system within the review area and describe how it was determined to be a waste treatment system. N/A
- d. Describe aquatic resources and features within the review area determined to be prior converted cropland in accordance with the 1993 regulations (reference 2.b.). Include the size of the aquatic resource or feature within the review area and describe how it was determined to be prior converted cropland. N/A
- e. Describe aquatic resources (i.e. lakes and ponds) within the review area, which do not have a nexus to interstate or foreign commerce, and prior to the January 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," would have been jurisdictional based solely on the "Migratory Bird Rule." Include the size of the aquatic resource or feature, and how it was determined to be an "isolated water" in accordance with SWANCC. N/A
- h. Describe aquatic resources and features within the review area that were determined to be non-jurisdictional because they do not meet one or more categories of waters of the United States under the pre-2015 regulatory regime consistent with the Supreme Court's decision in Sackett (e.g., tributaries that are non-relatively permanent waters; non-tidal wetlands that do not have a continuous surface connection to a jurisdictional water). W2, W3, W4, W5, W8, and W10 (totaling 1.34 acres) were assessed and determined to be depressional wetlands that do not possess a continuous surface connection to a TNW or to an RPW. Utilizing Google Earth Pro aerial imagery (2009 – 2023) and USGS's StreamStats, along with USGS's NHD, 3DEP DEM, and 3DEP Hillshade layers, and USFWS's NWI dataset within NRV, it was determined that these features do not connect to W1, W6, W7, or W9, nor were any discrete features observed that would provide a continuous surface connection between these features and East Fork Shell Creek. Based on a review of the precipitation and drainage data reviewed below in Section 9, along with the locations of these features within the landscape, water enters these features via precipitation events and surface runoff.

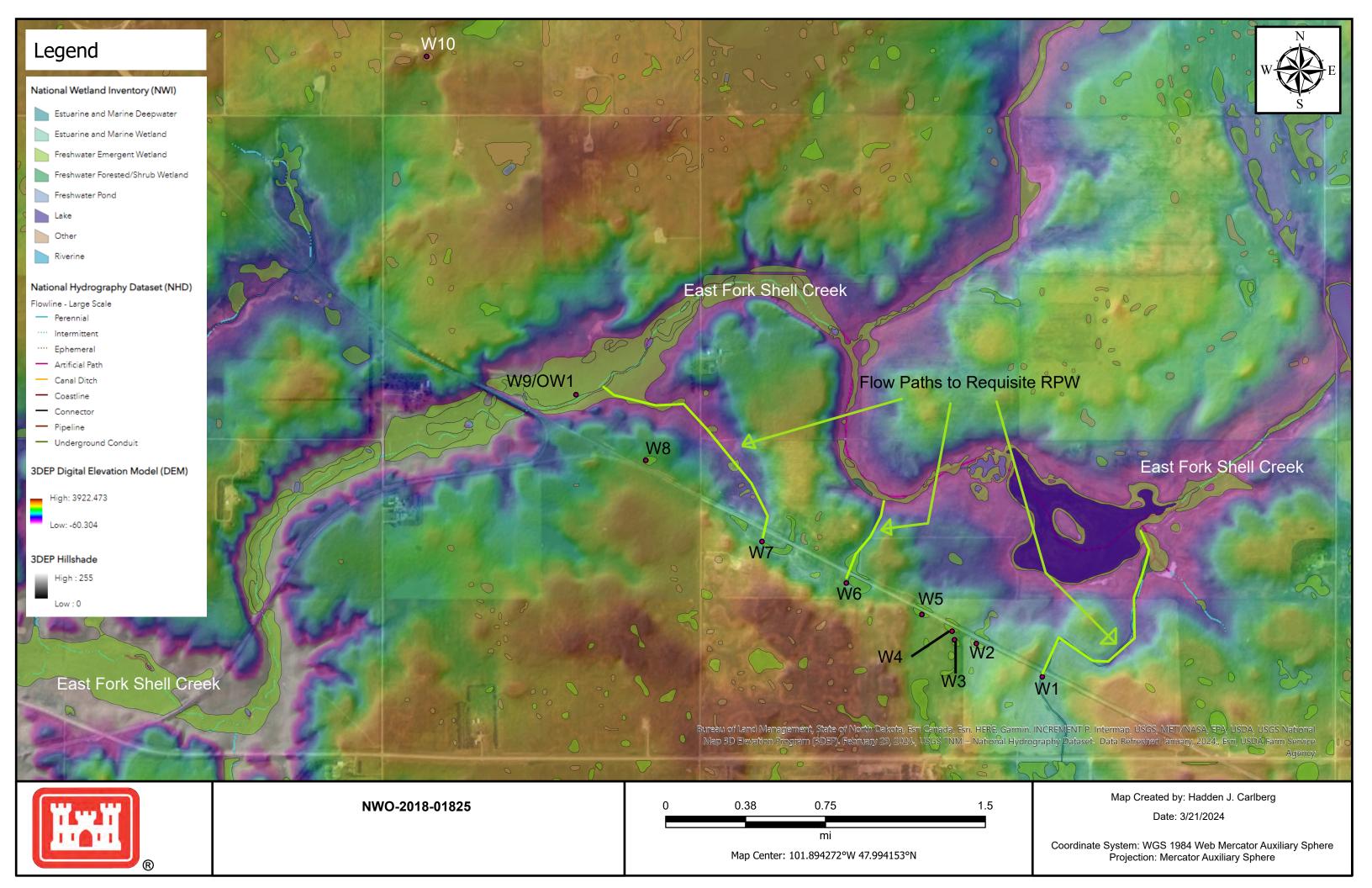
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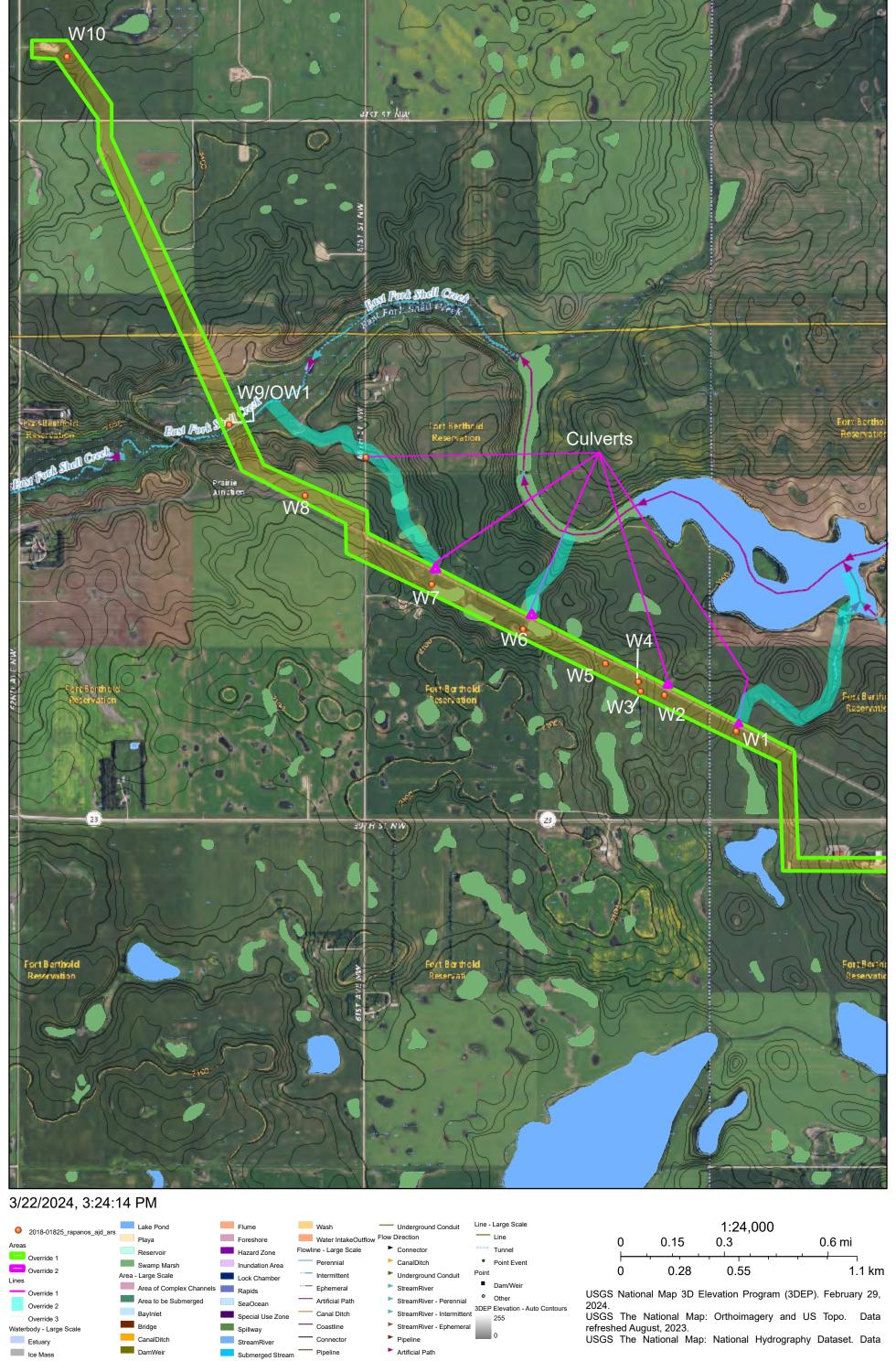
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- 9. DATA SOURCES. List sources of data/information used in making determination. Include titles and dates of sources used and ensure that information referenced is available in the administrative record.
 - a. Office evaluation conducted on March 22, 2024
 - b. October 2018 Field Aquatic Resource Delineation Report for Thunder Butte Pipeline Project, delineated by Stephen Chu of Arcadis U.S., Inc. on August 7 and 8, 2018.
 - c. Google Earth Pro 2009 2023 Assessed March 22, 2024
 - d. North Dakota Regulatory Viewer https://arcportal-ucop-corps.usace.army.mil/s0portal/apps/experiencebuilder/experience/?id=9e1a61cbac2341d1b75b58c6ffa5a5ca&page=North-Dakota Assessed March 22, 2024
 - e. USGS Advanced Map Viewer https://apps.nationalmap.gov/viewer/ Assessed March 22, 2024
 - f. USFWS NWI Wetlands Mapper https://fwsprimary.wim.usgs.gov/wetlands/apps/wetlands-mapper/ Assessed March 26, 2024
 - g. USGS StreamStats https://streamstats.usgs.gov/ss/ Assessed March 26, 2024
- 10. OTHER SUPPORTING INFORMATION. N/A
- 11. NOTE: The structure and format of this MFR were developed in coordination with the EPA and Department of the Army. The MFR's structure and format may be subject to future modification or may be rescinded as needed to implement additional guidance from the agencies; however, the approved jurisdictional determination described herein is a final agency action.





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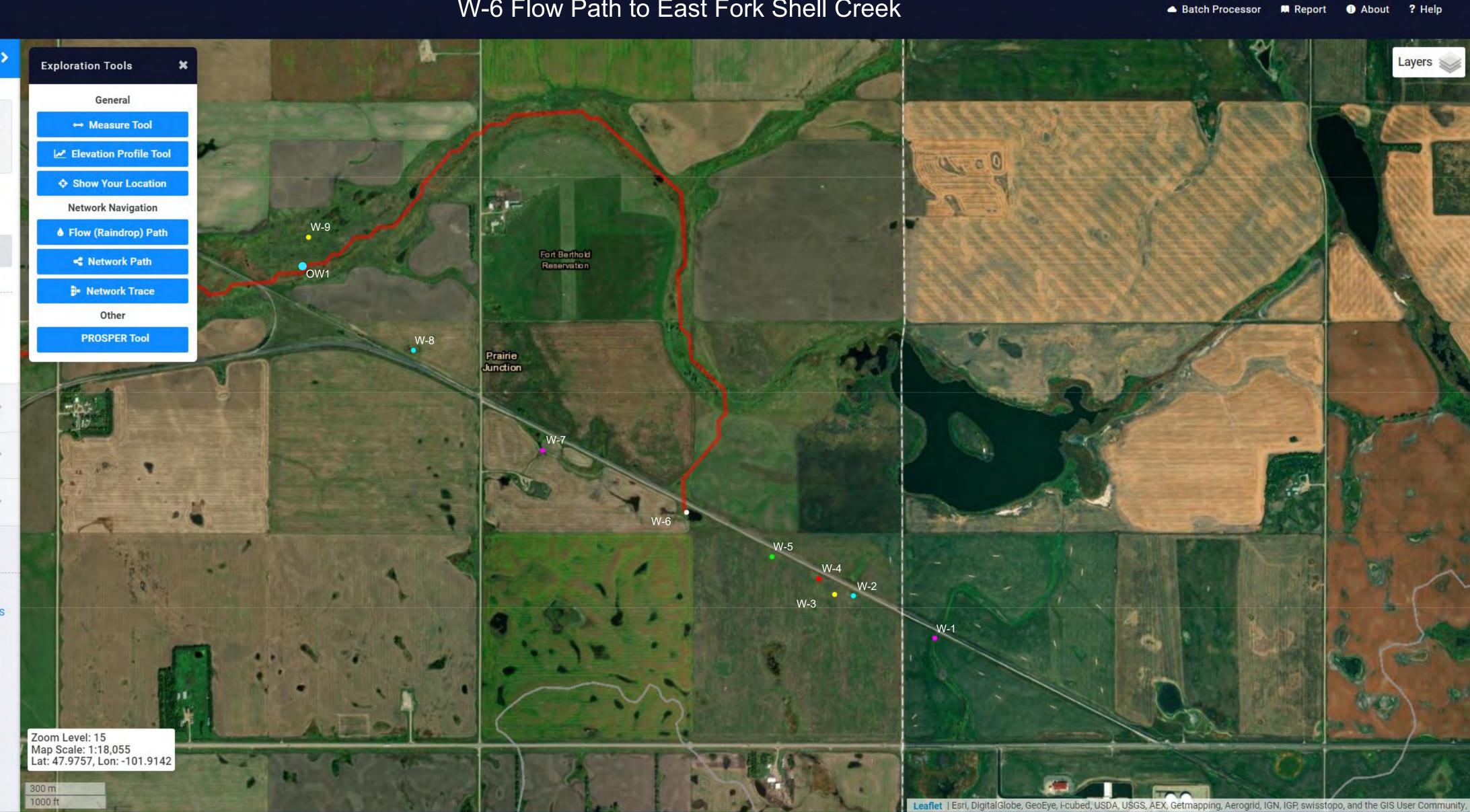
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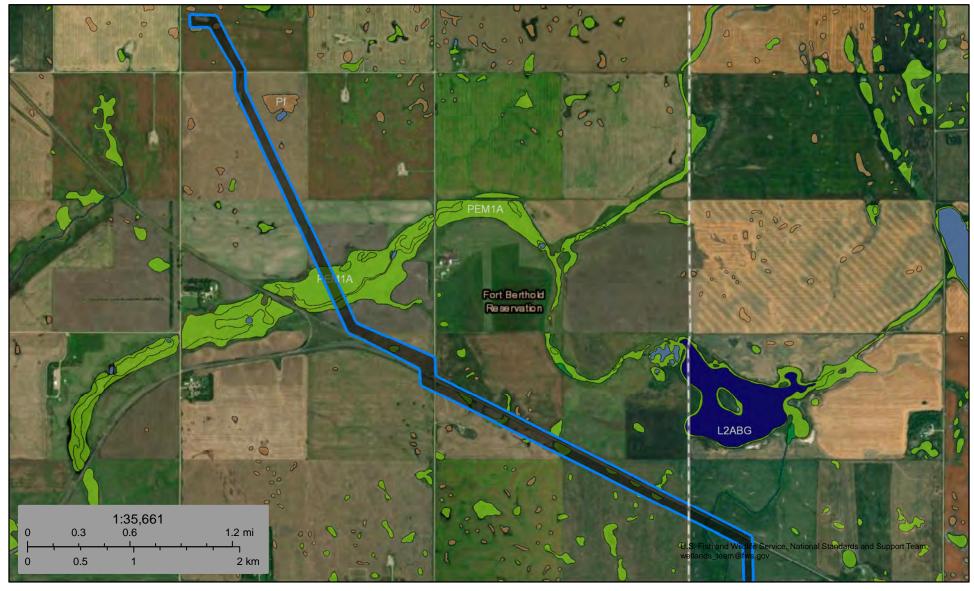
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Wetlands

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Estuarine and Marine Wetland

Freshwater Emergent Wetland

Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland

Freshwater Pond

Lake

Lano

Other

Riverine

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NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND REQUEST FOR APPEAL

Applicant: Arcadis U.S., Inc.	File Number: NWO-2018-01825-	Date: April 22, 2024
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SECTION I

The following identifies your rights and options regarding an administrative appeal of the above decision. Additional information may be found at https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits/appeals/ or Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331.

A: INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or object to the permit

- ACCEPT: If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to
 the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may
 accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or
 acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to
 appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations
 associated with the permit.
- OBJECT: If you object to the permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions
 therein, you may request that the permit be modified accordingly. You must complete Section II of
 this form and return the form to the district engineer. Upon receipt of your letter, the district
 engineer will evaluate your objections and may: (a) modify the permit to address all of your
 concerns, (b) modify the permit to address some of your objections, or (c) not modify the permit
 having determined that the permit should be issued as previously written. After evaluating your
 objections, the district engineer will send you a proffered permit for your reconsideration, as
 indicated in Section B below.

B: PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or appeal the permit

- ACCEPT: If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to
 the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may
 accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or
 acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to
 appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations
 associated with the permit.
- APPEAL: If you choose to decline the proffered permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may appeal the declined permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

C. PERMIT DENIAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE: Not appealable

You received a permit denial without prejudice because a required Federal, state, and/or local authorization and/or certification has been denied for activities which also require a Department of the Army permit before final action has been taken on the Army permit application. The permit denial without prejudice is not appealable. There is no prejudice to the right of the applicant to reinstate processing of the Army permit application if subsequent approval is received from the appropriate Federal, state, and/or local agency on a previously denied authorization and/or certification.

D: PERMIT DENIAL WITH PREJUDICE: You may appeal the permit denial You may appeal the denial of a permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

E: APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You may accept or appeal the approved JD or provide new information for reconsideration

- ACCEPT: You do not need to notify the Corps to accept an approved JD. Failure to notify the Corps within 60 days of the date of this notice means that you accept the approved JD in its entirety and waive all rights to appeal the approved JD.
- APPEAL: If you disagree with the approved JD, you may appeal the approved JD under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.
- RECONSIDERATION: You may request that the district engineer reconsider the approved JD by submitting new information or data to the district engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice. The district will determine whether the information submitted qualifies as new information or data that justifies reconsideration of the approved JD. A reconsideration request does not initiate the appeal process. You may submit a request for appeal to the division engineer to preserve your appeal rights while the district is determining whether the submitted information qualifies for a reconsideration.

F: PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: Not appealable

You do not need to respond to the Corps regarding the preliminary JD. The Preliminary JD is not appealable. If you wish, you may request an approved JD (which may be appealed), by contacting the Corps district for further instruction. Also, you may provide new information for further consideration by the Corps to reevaluate the JD.

POINT OF CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION:

If you have questions regarding this decision you may contact:

US Army Corps of Engineers, North Dakota Regulatory Office Attn: Benjamin Soiseth, Section Chief 3319 University Drive Bismarck, ND 58504 Telephone (701) 255-0015, ext. 2001 CENWO-OD-RND@usace.army.mil If you have questions regarding the appeal process, or to submit your request for appeal, you may contact:

US Army Corps of Engineers, Northwestern Division Attn: Regulatory Appeals Review Officer P.O. Box 2870 Portland, OR 97208-2870

SECTION II – REQUEST FOR APPEAL or OBJE	CTIONS TO AN INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT
REASONS FOR APPEAL OR OBJECTIONS: (De your objections to an initial proffered permit in clean necessary. You may attach additional information objections are addressed in the administrative rec	ar concise statements. Use additional pages as to this form to clarify where your reasons or
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The appeal is limited Corps memorandum for the record of the appeal of information that the review officer has determined Neither the appellant nor the Corps may add new you may provide additional information to clarify the administrative record.	conference or meeting, and any supplemental is needed to clarify the administrative record. information or analyses to the record. However,
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	Date:
Signature of appellant or agent.	
Email address of appellant and/or agent:	Telephone number:



United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

North Dakota Ecological Services Field Office 3425 Miriam Avenue Bismarck, ND 58501-7926 Phone: (701) 250-4481 Fax: (701) 355-8513

In Reply Refer To: 07/08/2024 20:36:30 UTC

Project Code: 2023-0132116

Project Name: Thunder Butte Pipeline Project

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project

location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through IPaC by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological

evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at: https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/endangered-species-consultation-handbook.pdf

Migratory Birds: In addition to responsibilities to protect threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), there are additional responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) to protect native birds from project-related impacts. Any activity, intentional or unintentional, resulting in take of migratory birds, including eagles, is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)). For more information regarding these Acts, see Migratory Bird Permit | What We Do | U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (fws.gov).

The MBTA has no provision for allowing take of migratory birds that may be unintentionally killed or injured by otherwise lawful activities. It is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with these Acts by identifying potential impacts to migratory birds and eagles within applicable NEPA documents (when there is a federal nexus) or a Bird/Eagle Conservation Plan (when there is no federal nexus). Proponents should implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize the production of project-related stressors or minimize the exposure of birds and their resources to the project-related stressors. For more information on avian stressors and recommended conservation measures, see https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/threats-birds.

In addition to MBTA and BGEPA, Executive Order 13186: *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds*, obligates all Federal agencies that engage in or authorize activities that might affect migratory birds, to minimize those effects and encourage conservation measures that will improve bird populations. Executive Order 13186 provides for the protection of both migratory birds and migratory bird habitat. For information regarding the implementation of Executive Order 13186, please visit https://www.fws.gov/partner/council-conservation-migratory-birds.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Code in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

Project code: 2023-0132116

Official Species List

OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

North Dakota Ecological Services Field Office 3425 Miriam Avenue Bismarck, ND 58501-7926 (701) 250-4481

PROJECT SUMMARY

Project code: 2023-0132116

Project Code: 2023-0132116

Project Name: Thunder Butte Pipeline Project

Project Type: Pipeline - Onshore - New Constr - Below Ground

Project Description: Thunder Butte Pipeline, LLC (TBPL) is proposing the Thunder Butte

Pipeline Project (Project) for transport of crude oil from the existing Thunder Butte Petroleum Services, Inc. (TBPS) Crude Storage and Loading Facility (TBPS Facility) within the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation (FBIR), near Plaza, ND to an existing Enbridge crude terminal in Stanley, ND. The project will include installation of a proposed 3.84-mile-long underground carbon steel pipeline with a 6.625inch outer diameter (OD) originating at the existing TBPS Facility approximately 2.6 miles northwest of Makoti, ND and terminating at the interconnection with the existing 30.8-mile-long Enbridge pipeline approximately 2.1 miles southeast of Plaza, ND. The Project will also include conversion of the existing Enbridge 6.625-inch OD collector pipeline to a transmission pipeline within the existing 30-foot-wide permanent easement. From the interconnect point of the new pipeline, the existing Enbridge pipeline will transport crude oil to the existing Enbridge storage facility in Stanley, ND. Associated aboveground facilities will include a proposed 2.56-acre midline pump station adjacent to the existing Enbridge pipeline along with two associated permanent access roads, each 40-foot long, 30-foot wide. The TBPS Facility is owned by the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation (MHA Nation) doing business as TBPS and the Enbridge storage facility is owned by Enbridge Pipelines North Dakota. These two facilities are not part of the TBPL Project because they are owned by third-party entities.

Project Location:

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: https://www.google.com/maps/@47.99300465,-101.90055074434673,14z



Project code: 2023-0132116 07/08/2024 20:36:30 UTC

Counties: Mountrail and Ward counties, North Dakota

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES

Project code: 2023-0132116

There is a total of 6 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species. Note that 1 of these species should be considered only under certain conditions.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

1. <u>NOAA Fisheries</u>, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

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MAMMALS

NAME STATUS

Northern Long-eared Bat Myotis septentrionalis

Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

This species only needs to be considered under the following conditions:

• This species only needs to be considered if the project includes wind turbine operations.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045

BIRDS

NAME STATUS

Piping Plover Charadrius melodus

Threatened

Population: [Atlantic Coast and Northern Great Plains populations] - Wherever found, except

those areas where listed as endangered.

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6039

Rufa Red Knot Calidris canutus rufa

Threatened

There is **proposed** critical habitat for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1864

Whooping Crane Grus americana

Endangered

Population: Wherever found, except where listed as an experimental population

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/758

INSECTS

NAME STATUS

Dakota Skipper *Hesperia dacotae*

Threatened

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1028

Monarch Butterfly *Danaus plexippus*

Candidate

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743

CRITICAL HABITATS

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IF YOUR PROJECT(S) MAY HAVE EFFECTS ON ALL ABOVE LISTED SPECIES.

IPAC USER CONTACT INFORMATION

Agency: Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota

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LEAD AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Lead Agency: Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, North Dakota



Mr. Joseph Myrick Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal Historic Preservation Office 404 Frontage Road New Town, North Dakota 58763

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July 22, 2024

Subject: Thunder Butte Pipeline, LLC: Thunder Butte Pipeline Project,

Ward and Mountrail Counties, North Dakota

Arcadis U.S., Inc. 630 Plaza Drive Suite 200 Highlands Ranch Colorado 80129 Phone: 720 344 3500

Fax: 720 344 3535 www.arcadis.com

Mr. Myrick,

Date:

Our Ref:

Thunder Butte Pipeline, LLC (TBPL) is proposing the Thunder Butte Pipeline Project (Project) for transport of crude oil from the existing Thunder Butte Petroleum Services, Inc. (TBPS) Crude Storage and Loading Facility (TBPS Facility) within the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation (FBIR), near Plaza, North Dakota to the existing Stanley Pump Station and Terminal (Enbridge Facility) in Stanley, North Dakota (**Figure 1**). The TBPS Facility is owned by the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation/ Three Affiliated Tribes (MHA Nation/TAT) doing business as TBPS and the Enbridge Facility is owned by Enbridge Pipelines North Dakota.

The new pipeline will transport crude from the TBPS Facility to an interconnect point with the existing pipeline. From the interconnection point, the existing pipeline will transport crude oil to the Enbridge Facility. Approximately 2.6 miles of the proposed pipeline is within the Fort Berthold Reservation.

The Project will consist of the following components in Ward and Mountrail Counties:

- Construction of a new 3.84-mile-long underground pipeline,
- Conversion of an existing 30.8-mile-long collector (gathering) pipeline to a transmission pipeline, and
- Construction of an aboveground midline pump station (2.0-acre site) and one permanent access road.

TBPL is submitting a Consolidated Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit Application (Consolidated Permit Application) to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) requesting a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit for construction and operation of the Project. On behalf of TBPL, Arcadis, U.S., Inc. is submitting this letter to inform your agency of the proposed Project and to request any comments or input. Any information received will be taken into consideration during the permitting and development process in conjunction with the Consolidated Permit Application process.

The Project is located within the following portions of Ward and Mountrail Counties, North Dakota:

- Proposed new pipeline: Sections 18 and 19, Township (T) 152 North (N), Range (R) 87 West (W), and Sections 13, 14, 11, and 2, T152N R88W;
- Existing pipeline: Sections 2 and 3, T152N R88W, and Sections 36, 35, 26, 27, 22, 21, 16, 17, 8, and 7, T153N R88W, and Sections 12, 1, and 2, T153N R89W, and Sections 35, 34, 27, 28, 21, 20, 17, 8, 7, and 6, T154N R89W, and Sections 1 and 2, T154N R90W, and Sections 35, 26, 27, 22, 21, 20, 17, 18, 7, and 6, T155N R90W, and Sections 1 and 2, T155N R91W, and Sections 35, 26, and 27, T156N R91W; and
- Midline Pump Station: Section 34, T154N, R89W.

State Historic Preservation Office July 22, 2024

The Project is scheduled to begin construction in the fall of 2024. The proposed pipeline will be installed using an 80-foot-wide construction right-of way (ROW), consisting of a 30-foot-wide permanent easement and an adjacent 50-foot-wide temporary construction workspace. Construction of the proposed pipeline will temporarily disturb a total of approximately 40 acres on privately-owned agricultural land.

Approximately 3 miles of the proposed pipeline will be within the FBIR, approximately 2.3 miles of which will be constructed abutting the existing Canadian Pacific Railway ROW. Lands within and adjacent to the proposed pipeline, the existing pipeline, and the midline pump station are previously disturbed agricultural land. Following construction, the new pipeline will be located within an existing 30-foot-wide permanent easement and buried with a minimum cover of 72 inches.

Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Inc. (Metcalf) conducted a Class III cultural resource inventory of the area of potential effects (APE). Metcalf Principal Investigator William Bluemle surveyed 3.84 miles at 300' wide of the new pipeline corridor, a proposed midline pump station, and several temporary access roads, workspaces/laydown areas on October 2, 2023. A total of 147 acres were surveyed.

Archaeologist Bluemle found no cultural resources in the three segment APEs; therefore, Metcalf recommends a finding of *No Historic Properties Affected* [36 CFR 800.4(d)(1)] for this undertaking. A copy of the Class III Cultural Resource Inventory Report is enclosed.

Please direct any questions or correspondence concerning the Project to me at 303-471-3410 or Doug Anderson at 303-471-3484.

Sincerely,

Arcadis U.S., Inc.

Kathryn Cloutier

Kathryn Cloutier Project Manager

Email: Kathryn.Cloutier@arcadis.com

Office: 303-471-3410

Enclosures:

Figure 1

Metcalf Class III Cultural Resource Inventory Report

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Mageland, Katie

From: Mageland, Katie

Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 5:12 PM

To: Renschler, Jason J CIV USARMY CENWO (USA)

Cc: Cloutier, Kathryn

Subject: Thunder Butte Pipeline Project - Existing Gathering Pipeline and Pump Station AJD

Request (Email 1 of 4)

Attachments: USACE Notification Letter_9-26-2023 rev2.pdf; Part 1 of 4 Thunder Butte Pipeline

Project_ARDR.pdf; Thunder Butte Pipeline Project_AJD_Request.pdf

Hello Jason,

We talked on the phone a few weeks ago and you provided helpful information regarding permitting options for temporary disturbances during the construction of a proposed new underground pipeline. Thanks again for your help!

On behalf of Thunder Butte Pipeline, LLC (TBPL) and MHA Nation, Arcadis, U.S., Inc. (Arcadis) is supporting permitting for the **Thunder Butte Pipeline Project** (Project). The Project requires approval from North Dakota Public Services Commission (the Commission); therefore, TBPL is submitting a Consolidated Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit Application (Consolidated Application) to the Commission requesting a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit for construction and operation of the Project. The Consolidated Application process requires notification to the Corps. We previously submitted the attached letter notifying the Corps of the Project; however, the midline pump station site has been moved to S1, T153N, R88W.

This Project consists of two parts:

- 1. Construction of a new 3.84-mile-long underground pipeline (new pipeline) in Ward and Mountrail counties, and
- 2. Conversion of an existing 30.8-mile-long collector/gathering pipeline to a transmission pipeline (existing gathering pipeline) and an aboveground midline pump station on a 2-acre site in Mountrail County ("Study Area").

The new pipeline portion of the Project (#1 above) already has an AJD (NWO-2018-1825-BIS; dated April 22, 2024). My colleague, Steve Chu, worked with you to obtain that AJD.

Conversion of the existing pipeline will not require ground disturbances; however, **TBPL** is seeking an additional **AJD** for the existing gathering pipeline portion of the project. The AJD request form is attached.

Arcadis conducted an aquatic resource delineation, to include wetlands and waterbodies, within the 187-acre Study Area (as defined in #2 above) on August 5-8, 2024. Part 1 (of 4) of the Aquatic Resource Delineation Report (ARDR) is also attached to this email. Due to the large file size, I will send the Part 2 of 4 through 4 of 4 of the ARDR in separate emails. A total of 34 palustrine emergent (PEM) wetlands were delineated within the Study Area. The delineated wetlands totaled a combined 5.08-acres. A total of 11 potential farmed wetland areas were identified based on consistent wetness signatures from a farmed wetland slide review. All 11 potential farmed wetlands were determined to be present, based on the results of the farmed wetland slide review and field observations of the potential farmed wetland polygons, totaling 1.23 acres. A total of 3 perennial streams spanning approximately 171.01 linear feet were delineated within the Study Area. The delineated stream designated as SA1RJ01 within the northwestern portion of the Study Area appears to be Little Knife River. The stream designated as SA13CK01 within

the central portion of the Study Area appears to be Shell Creek. The stream designated as SA14TN01 appears to be an unnamed tributary to Shell Creek.

Below are summaries of our findings as they relate to potential regulatory status for an AJD:

Delineated Wetland Summary

Feature ID	Wetland Type (Cowardin Class)	Area ¹ (acres)	Anticipated Jurisdictional Status ²
WA1RJ01	PEM	0.84	Hydrologically Connected; abuts stream SA1RJO1
WA3SJ01	PEM	0.13	Isolated
WA3SJ02	PEM	0.42	Isolated
WA4SJ01	PEM	0.05	Isolated
WA4SJ02	PEM	0.20	Isolated
WA4SJ03	PEM	0.03	Isolated
WA4SJ04	PEM	0.10	Isolated
WA4SJ05	PEM	0.10	Isolated
WA4SJ06	PEM	0.04	Isolated
WA05RJ01	PEM	0.08	Isolated
WA05RJ03	PEM	0.04	Isolated
WA06RJ01	PEM	0.36	Isolated
WA06RJ02	PEM	0.07	Isolated
WA06RJ05	PEM	0.51	Isolated
WA06RJ08	PEM	0.17	Isolated
WA06RJ10	PEM	0.30	Hydrologically Connected
WA8KM01	PEM	0.03	Hydrologically Connected
WA08SC01	PEM	0.22	Hydrologically Connected
WA08SC04A	PEM	0.05	Isolated
WA08SC04B	PEM	0.15	Isolated
WA08SC05	PEM	0.12	Isolated
WA10CK01	PEM	0.13	Hydrologically Connected
WA11TN01	PEM	0.01	Hydrologically Connected
WA11TN02	PEM	0.03	Hydrologically Connected
WA12SJ01	PEM	0.07	Hydrologically Connected
WA12TN05	PEM	0.08	Hydrologically Connected
WA13CK01	PEM	0.12	Hydrologically Connected; abuts stream SA13CK01
WA14TN01	PEM	0.34	Hydrologically Connected
WA14TN02	PEM	0.11	Hydrologically Connected; abuts stream SA14TN01
WA17SC01	PEM	0.01	Isolated
WA17SC02	PEM	0.03	Isolated
WA18SJ01	PEM	0.05	Isolated
WA18SJ02	PEM	0.06	Isolated
WA18SJ03	PEM	0.05	Isolated
Total		5.08	
Potential Farmed Wetlands			

Delineated Wetland Summary

Feature ID	Wetland Type (Cowardin Class)	Area ¹ (acres)	Anticipated Jurisdictional Status ²
WA03FW01	Other/PF	0.01	Isolated
WA05FW01	Other/PF	0.02	Hydrologically Connected
WA05FW02	Other/PF	0.27	Hydrologically Connected
WA08FW01	Other/PF	0.03	Hydrologically Connected
WA08FW02	Other/PF	0.01	Hydrologically Connected
WA10FW01	Other/PF	0.01	Hydrologically Connected
WA16FW01	Other/PF	0.07	Hydrologically Connected
WA16FW02	Other/PF	0.50	Hydrologically Connected
WA19FW01	Other/PF	0.05	Isolated
WA19FW02	Other/PF	0.20	Isolated
WA19FW03	Other/PF	0.05	Isolated
Total		1.23	
Total With Potential Farmed Wetlands		6.31	

Notes:

- 1 Wetland area only includes portions that are within the Study Area. Some features may continue offsite. Area was rounded to the nearest hundredth.
- 2 Final jurisdictional determination can only be made by the USACE.

Delineated Streams Summary

Feature ID	Stream Type	Ordinary High Water Mark Width (feet)	Top of Bank (feet)	Stream Length ¹ (feet)	Str (ac
SA13CK01	Perennial	15	20	63.38	0.0
SA14TN01	Perennial	25	25	58.50	0.0
SA1RJ01	Perennial	97	828	49.13	0.1
Totals				171.01	0.1

Notes:

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Thank you,

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Be green, leave it on the screen.

Delineated stream length and area only includes portions that are within the Study Area. Some features may continue offsite. Length and Area was rounded to



RE: Thunder Butte Pipeline, LLC

From Cloutier, Kathryn < Kathryn.Cloutier@arcadis.com>

Date Mon 9/9/2024 3:23 PM

To samuele.warren.1@us.af.mil <samuele.warren.1@us.af.mil>

2 attachments (5 MB)

Makoti_Pipeline_FDGC_Submittal_20240516.gdb.zip; Fig01 - Revised 05172024.pdf;

Hi Sam,

I hope you had a good weekend.

Sorry to bug you again; however, prior to submittal of the permit application to the Public Service Commission, we need to correct the ICBM data for the "Exclusion Areas" maps.

As soon as possible, please provide the correct locations of the ICBM sites (if any) near the pipelines for the Thunder Butte Pipeline Project per the attached figure and GIS files.

Thank you again for all your efforts.

Kathryn 303-471-3410

From: Cloutier, Kathryn

Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 12:26 PM

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Attachments: North Dakota PSC and DMR Notification.pdf

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The link below is for a Joint Land Use Study or JLUS that was completed in September 2015, by HDR contracted through Souris Basin Planning Council. The document helps identify several issues and also possible solutions.

https://sourisbasin.sharepoint.com/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2FShared%20Documents %2FWebsite%5FPublic%5FOutside%20Share%5FSBPC%2FMAFB%20JLUS%2FJLUS%5FFinal%5FReport%5F092 815%2Epdf&parent=%2FShared%20Documents%2FWebsite%5FPublic%5FOutside%20Share%5FSBPC%2FMAFB%20JLUS&p=true&ga=1

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From: MUNOS, CY I CIV USAF AFGSC 91 MMXS/MMXSFK <cy.munos@us.af.mil>

Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 6:55 AM

To: Cloutier, Kathryn

Subject: RE: Thunder Butte Pipeline Project - Construction Protocols for Crossing HICS

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Kathryn,

If the proposed pipeline stops at 62nd ave NW, there will be just one cable crossing. The following is our crossing criteria.

- As close to 90 degree crossing angle if possible.
- AF personnel on site when excavating or directional boring in easement (16.5')
- Minimum 1' of separation, 3-4' if directional bored
- No cable crossing within 50ft of our buried splices
- We will not allow any ditch cutting for access roads on our easement without approval
- We require a 48hr notice for scheduling purposes prior to cable crossing. (Cable Affairs Office 701-723-6053 701-720-8247 Cell)

We don't have a buried splice near the proposed cable crossing so that shouldn't be a problem. Depending on how far off the existing railroad tracks the pipeline will be, our cable could be fairly deep as we cross the tracks and maintained the railroad protocols. I don't foresee any issues with this cable crossing. Let me know if you have any questions.

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Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 5:19 PM

To: 91 MMXS/MMXFI Cable Affairs < MMXFI.CableAffairs@us.af.mil>

Cc: WARREN, SAMUELE M CIV USAF AFGSC 5 CES/CENP <samuele.warren.1@us.af.mil>

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Thunder Butte Pipeline Project - Construction Protocols for Crossing HICS

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Thunder Butte Pipeline, LLC proposes to construct a new 3.84-mile-long underground pipeline in Ward and Mountrail counties ("Thunder Butte Pipeline Project").

Mr. Sam Warren at Minot AFB provided the attached figure and advised us that there are two HICSs within the pipeline corridor (area within the red lines) and recommended that we contact you with this request.

Do you have a guidance document regarding the proper protocols to be implemented for during construction of a new pipeline at the crossings of HICSs? The ND Public Service Commission (PSC) permitting requirements require DOD concurrence that the project will not adversely affect HICSs.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 7:51 AM

To: Cloutier, Kathryn **Cc:** Mageland, Katie

Subject: RE: Thunder Butte Pipeline Project Notification and AJD Request for Existing Pipeline

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Hi Kathryn – per your direction below, this email is confirmation of project notification email received. If anything additional is required from my office for the project, please let me know. The assigned file number you listed is correct (NWO-2018-1825-BIS). Thanks, Jason.

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Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 4:54 PM

To: Renschler, Jason J CIV USARMY CENWO (USA) < Jason. J. Renschler@usace.army.mil>

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As you may recall, we previously notified you of the Thunder Butte Pipeline Project in September 2023. Please find attached an updated notification letter and Figure 1 showing the proposed and existing pipelines and the new location for the proposed midline pump station.

On behalf of Thunder Butte Pipeline LLC (TBPL), Arcadis is submitting a Consolidated Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit Application (Consolidated Permit Application) to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) for construction and operation of the Project including construction of a proposed pipeline and conversion of an existing pipeline. We are submitting this letter to inform your agency of the proposed Project and to request any comments or input. Any information received will be taken into consideration during the permitting and development process in conjunction with the Consolidated Permit Application process.

To comply with the PSC requirements, please respond with an email or letter acknowledging that you have been notified of the Thunder Butte Pipeline Project.

No work is immediately proposed for the existing pipeline; however, the PSC may require an AJD for the existing pipeline before issuing a Permit for the Project as maintenance activities may be required in the future.

Thank you again for facilitating the AJD (NWO-2018-01825-BIS) dated April 22, 2024, for the proposed new pipeline right-of-way.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Thank you again,

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Subject: RE: Thunder Butte Pipeline Project - Existing Gathering Pipeline and Pump Station AJD Request (Email 4 of 4)

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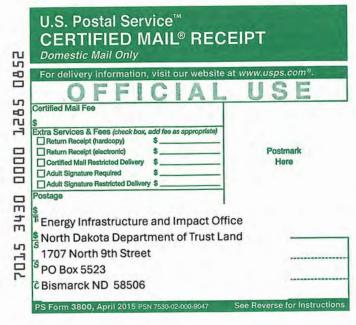
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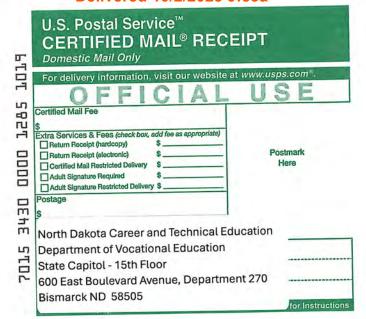
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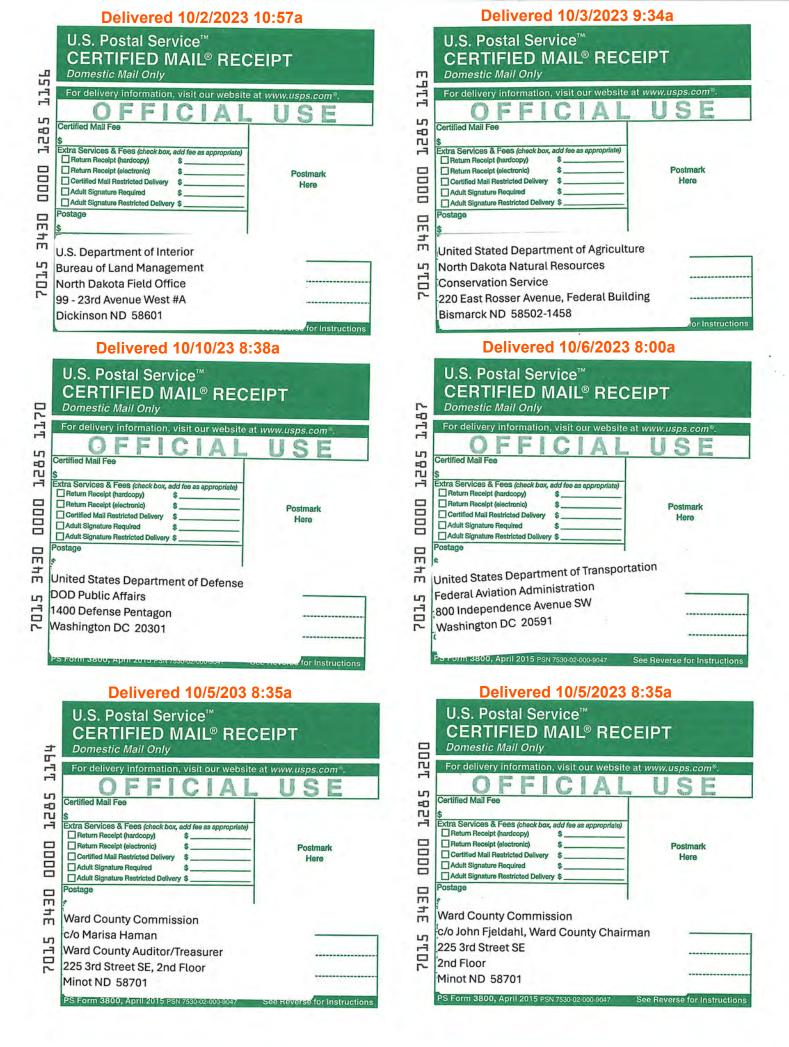
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