

## **Appendix D**

### **Correspondence**

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**Appendix D.1**  
**Local Community Support**



## Grenora Public School

402 Robinson Street  
PO Box 38  
Grenora, ND 58845  
701.694.2711

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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Grenora Public School and the Grenora School District, we respectfully express our support for the Homestead Wind LLC project proposed within northwest North Dakota and the Grenora School District.

The Grenora School District serves a rural community where stable and reliable funding is essential to maintaining educational programs and services for our students. The Homestead Wind project has the potential to provide significant financial benefits to our school district through increased local tax revenues. These funds are critical in supporting classroom instruction, staffing, facilities, and long-term financial stability.

As a small rural district, additional revenue sources help reduce financial uncertainty and support the district's ability to meet current and future educational needs without placing additional burden on local taxpayers.

For these reasons, the Grenora School District supports the Homestead Wind LLC project and appreciates the consideration of its positive financial impact on public education in our community.

Respectfully,

**Tony Holecek -Superintendent & Joe Paine - Principal**



September 29, 2025

Williams County Commission

ATTN:

Williams County Commission:

I am writing on behalf of the Williston Area Chamber of Commerce and Western Star Foundation to share our support for the Homestead Wind project, developed by Apex Clean Energy. As a new opportunity for local energy development, we look forward to the potential financial stability Homestead Wind can bring to the region.

The approval of Homestead Wind will spur immediate and long-term benefits for the county, its taxing districts, and local residents. The construction phase will create hundreds of jobs and invest millions of dollars into our community and the projected lifetime of the project will sustain significant, stable tax revenue to the county for local governments and schools. We believe supporting the success of this project will ensure decades of economic opportunity for our shared community.

Homestead Wind has proven their commitment to investing in the region, and the Western Star Foundation and the Williston Area Chamber of Commerce will be a direct beneficiary of their work. We aim to provide support to local businesses and organizations in the area, including, but not limited to, leadership training, educational efforts, and community events/programs. Beyond the millions of dollars in new tax revenue that will be allocated to each school district in the project area, Homestead Wind has already created opportunities for local students, families, and residents through their Community Grant Program and Dollars for Scholars scholarship.

The Western Star Foundation in partnership with the Williston Early Educators Alliance (WEEA) benefitted greatly from a \$5,000 grant by the Homestead Wind Grant. The Western Star Foundation works closely with the Williston Early Educators Alliance (WEEA) to provide free, year-round classes (with options for in-person and online) for local childcare providers. WEEA is composed of local childcare providers that serve children year-round, ages 0-5 years & older children during the summer months. Currently, 176 childcare workers are enrolled in WEEA programs.



In partnership with the Western Star Foundation, WEEA allows these childcare businesses and individuals to stay in compliance with North Dakota State childcare laws by offering the following required services and training opportunities. This program runs all year, with the exceptions of June, July, and August. It is vital that the WEEA programs continue to provide these state-mandated training and compliance support to local childcare providers. The alternative is that many providers struggle to meet licensing and safety requirements, directly impacting the quality and availability of childcare in the region.

As we look forward to the future of Williams County and the future of our community, we believe Homestead Wind will help strengthen and diversify our local economy as our region remains a top energy producer for the country.

Respectfully,

Brookelle Otte

*President & CEO*

*Williston Area Chamber of Commerce & Western Star Foundation*

September 19, 2025

Williams County Commission  
206 E Broadway  
Williston, ND 5801

Williams County Commissioners,

Homestead Wind has the potential to make a real difference in our area. The construction phase alone could bring hundreds of jobs and millions of dollars of investment into the county. Over the long term, the project will provide steady tax revenue to support local government and schools—helping ensure lasting benefits for families and future generations.

We've also seen Homestead Wind's commitment to being a good neighbor. The project has already invested in students, families, and community groups through its Community Grant and Dollars for Scholars programs. One example of this commitment can be seen through the James Memorial Art Center, the only visual art gallery in Williston. Operated by the nonprofit James Memorial Preservation Society, the James plays a vital role in our community by offering art classes for youth and adults, as well as hosting free public events each month and partnering with other local organizations and businesses. Apex has stepped up as a true partner to the James—providing two \$1,000 grants to sponsor major fundraisers and continuing to support the organization through sponsorships. This kind of investment not only strengthens the arts in our region but also ensures that creative opportunities remain accessible to families and residents of all ages.

***A little about the James Memorial's history and mission:*** *In 1909, eighty women met in Williston to organize the Women's Civic League. Their goal was to obtain a library for the city of Williston. These determined women petitioned Arthur Curtiss James for the necessary funds to build the library. Mr James agreed to fund the project as a memorial to his father, Daniel Willis James, who by the way, is also who Williston is named after. The library was opened on February 27, 1911 with a banquet and grand ball. The building was used as the city's only library until 1983, when it was replaced by the new public library. In the early 1990's the city began to address the issue of probable building destruction, and in 1993, a group of concerned citizens formed the James Memorial Preservation Society to save the historic building and develop it into a center for the visual arts. The James Memorial Preservation Society, in leasing the building from the city, assumed full financial responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the building and for the exhibitions and activities held in it. Our mission is simple - to share art and culture with the community of Williston, North Dakota, while preserving the historic building known as The James Memorial Art Center.*

We see a bright future for Williams County and our community with Homestead Wind as they help strengthen and diversify our local economy.

Thank you,

Pam Elliott, James Memorial Art Center Admin  
James Memorial Preservation Society Board of Directors

**Appendix D.2**  
**Agency Correspondence**

Appendix D.2 is organized as follows:

**Table 1. Agency Mailing List**

In July 2025, Homestead Wind sent Project notification letters to agencies listed in NDAC Section 69-06-01-05.

**Representative Project Introduction Letters – Agencies and Native American Tribes**

All agencies received the same letter sent by Homestead Wind, LLC. Native American tribes received the same letter sent by Tetra Tech Inc. Representative agency and tribal letters are attached.

**Table 2. Agency Correspondence Index**

Provides an index table of correspondence sent and received to date.

**Agency Correspondence**

Includes correspondence sent to and received by agencies; to avoid redundancy, the Project notification letters are not included here (refer to representative letters).

**Table 1. Agency Mailing List**

NAME	ADDRESS 1	ADDRESS 2	CITY	STATE	ZIP
North Dakota Aeronautics Commission	P.O. Box 5020		Bismarck	ND	58502-5020
North Dakota Office of Attorney General	600 E. Boulevard Ave.	Dept. 125	Bismarck	ND	58505-0040
North Dakota Department of Agriculture	600 E. Boulevard Ave.	Dept. 602	Bismarck	ND	58505-0020
North Dakota Department of Health	600 E. Boulevard Ave.		Bismarck	ND	58505-0250
North Dakota Department of Human Services	600 E. Boulevard Ave.	Dept. 325	Bismarck	ND	58505-0250
North Dakota Department of Labor and Human Rights	600 E. Boulevard Ave.	Dept. 406	Bismarck	ND	58505-0340
North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education	State Capitol, 15th Floor	600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 270	Bismarck	ND	58505-0610
North Dakota Department of Commerce	1600 E. Century Ave., Suite 6	P.O. Box 2057	Bismarck	ND	58502-2057
Energy Infrastructure and Impact Office	North Dakota Department of Trust Lands	1707 North 9th Street	Bismarck	ND	58501
North Dakota Game and Fish Department	100 N. Bismarck Expressway		Bismarck	ND	58501-5095
North Dakota Industrial Commission	State Capitol, 14th Floor	600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 405	Bismarck	ND	58505-0840
Office of Governor Doug Burgum	State of North Dakota	600 E. Boulevard Ave.	Bismarck	ND	58505-0001
North Dakota Department of Transportation	608 E. Boulevard Ave.		Bismarck	ND	58505-0700
State Historical Society of North Dakota	612 E. Boulevard Ave.		Bismarck	ND	58505-0830
North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission	State Capitol Building	1st Floor - Judicial Wing, Rm. #117	Bismarck	ND	58505-0300
Job Service North Dakota	P.O. Box 5507		Bismarck	ND	58506-5507
North Dakota Department of Trust Lands	1707 North 9th Street		Bismarck	ND	58501
North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department	Liberty Memorial Building	604 E Boulevard Ave, Dept. 750	Bismarck	ND	58505
Natural Resources Conservation Service	North Dakota NRCS State Office, Federal Building	220 East Rosser Avenue	Bismarck	ND	58502-1458
North Dakota Department of Water Resources	1200 Memorial Highway, Dept. 770		Bismarck	ND	58504
United States Department of Defense	1400 Defense Pentagon		Washington	DC	20301-1400
United States Fish and Wildlife Service	North Dakota Ecological Services Field Office	3425 Miriam Avenue	Bismarck	ND	58501-7926
United States Army Corps of Engineers	North Dakota Regulatory Office	3319 University Drive	Bismarck	ND	58504
Federal Aviation Administration	United States Department of Transportation	800 Independence Ave. SW	Washington	DC	20591
North Dakota Transmission Authority	c/o North Dakota Industrial Commission	State Capitol 14th Floor, 600 E. Boulevard Ave. Dept. 405	Bismarck	ND	58505-0840
North Dakota Pipeline Authority	c/o North Dakota Industrial Commission	State Capitol 14th Floor, 600 E. Boulevard Ave. Dept. 405	Bismarck	ND	58505-0840
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality	4201 Normandy Street		Bismarck	ND	58503-1324
North Dakota Geological Survey	600 East Boulevard Avenue		Bismarck	ND	58505-0840
North Dakota Forest Service	State Headquarters - Molberg Center	307 - 1st Street East	Bottineau	ND	58318-1100
Federal Bureau of Land Management	Montana/Dakotas State Office	5001 Southgate Drive	Billings	MT	59101
Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse	3400 Defense Pentagon, Room 5C646		Washington	DC	20301 - 3400
20th Airforce 91st Missile Wing	196 Missile Ave.		Minot AFB	ND	58705-5006
Minot Air Force Base	196 Missile Ave.		Minot AFB	ND	58705-5006
Grand Forks Air Force Base	757 Tuskegee Amn. Blvd.	Building 418, East Entrance	Grand Forks AFB	ND	58205
Williams County Board of Commissioners	c/o Beth M. Innis, County Auditor	P.O. Box 2047	Williston	ND	58802-2047

**Representative Project Introduction Letters - Agencies and  
Native American Tribes**



July 14, 2025

[Address Block]

RE: Information Regarding the up to 256.5-megawatt Homestead Wind Project in Williams County, North Dakota

Dear [Name],

Homestead Wind, LLC (Homestead Wind), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Apex Clean Energy Holdings, LLC (Apex), is in the process of developing up to 256.5 megawatts (MW) of new wind energy generation in Williams County, North Dakota (Project). Homestead Wind anticipates submitting an Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for the proposed Project to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC) in early 2026. The Project will interconnect to the grid at the existing Mountrail-Williams Electric Company Strandahl 115 kilovolt (kV) substation, located within the Project boundary, via a short (less than one mile in length) 115 kV generation interconnection line.

The planned nameplate capacity for the Project is up to 256.5 MW. The Project's permanent facilities will include:

- 81 turbine locations, with up to 67 turbines locations and associated equipment constructed;
- New gravel access roads and improvements to existing roads;
- Underground electrical collection and communication lines;
- An operations and maintenance facility;
- A Project substation;
- An Aircraft Detection Lighting System and related equipment (subject to Federal Aviation Administration approval); and
- Up to three permanent meteorological towers and/or Power Performance Testing towers and associated LiDAR units; and
- An overhead generation interconnection tie line.

The Project's temporary facilities will include:

- Staging/laydown areas for construction activities;
- Batch plants;
- Temporary improvements to existing roads, including driveways, for transport and access during construction; and
- Crane paths to be used during construction.



The locations of Project components have not been finalized at this time. Table 1 provides the sections of land that Homestead Wind is evaluating for siting the Project.

Table 1 Homestead Wind Project Preliminary Project Location				
County Name	Township Name	Township	Range	Section(s)
Williams	Climax	158N	103W	25, 36
	Good Luck	158N	102W	10, 13-15, 22-25, 29-31-34, 36
	Orthell	158N	101W	19, 30-31
	Strandahl	157N	103W	1, 12-13, 24
	Bonetraill	157N	102W	1-7, 9-23, 25-36
	Blacktail	157N	101W	6
	Bull Butte	156N	103W	1-2

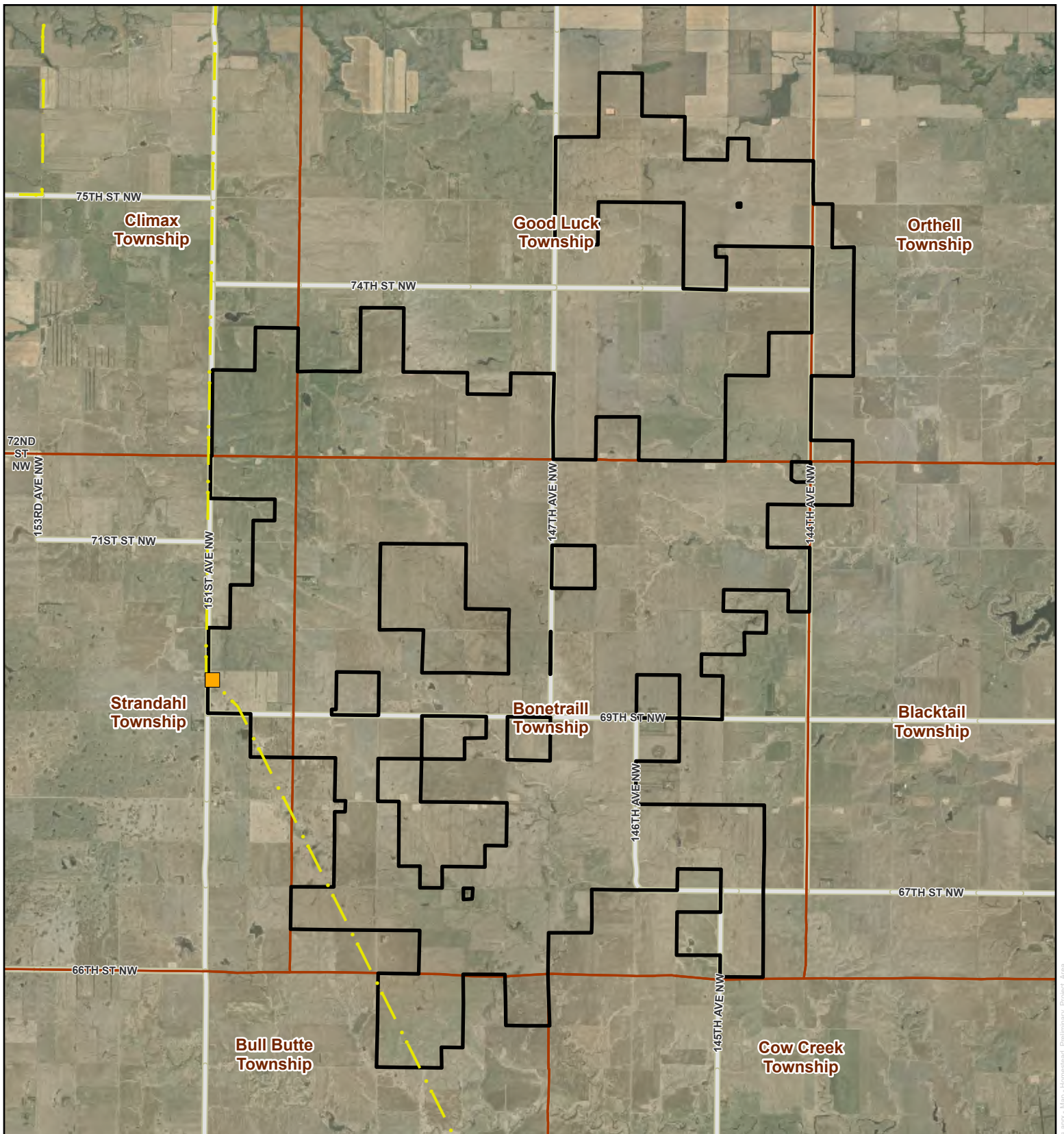
In conjunction with preparing the NDPSC application, we are seeking input from your agency or entity regarding any sensitive resources, current or planned development, or property interests your agency or entity may have in or around the Preliminary Project Area that Homestead Wind should consider as it moves forward with development. In addition, we ask that you provide information regarding any applicable permits that may be required from your office. To facilitate your review, we have enclosed a map that depicts the Preliminary Project Area within which turbines and associated facilities may be proposed. We welcome any comments your agency may have at this time and throughout the permit application process. Any written agency comments provided in response to this letter will be incorporated into the NDPSC’s review process.






If you require further information or have questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (434) 806-7692 or [Matt.Eberl@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:Matt.Eberl@apexcleanenergy.com).

Sincerely,

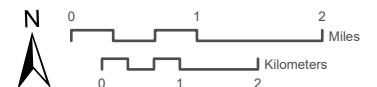
Matt Eberl  
Senior Development Manager  
Homestead Wind, LLC

Enc. Preliminary Project Area Map



-  Preliminary Project Boundary
-  Existing Substation
-  Existing 115kV Transmission Line
-  County Road
-  Civil Township

**Homestead Wind**  
**Preliminary Project Area**  
**Williams County, North Dakota**





[title block]

Sent via email to: [email address]

July 14, 2025

**RE: Introduction of Proposed Homestead Wind Project in Williams County, North Dakota**

Dear [NAME],

Homestead Wind, LLC (Homestead Wind) is in the process of developing up to 256.5 megawatts (MW) of new wind energy generation in Williams County, North Dakota (Project). The Project would be a commercial wind energy facility located entirely on private or state lands, located approximately 17 miles northwest of Williston and 9 miles south of Grenora, within an approximately 26,009-acre Project area. The proposed turbine model and layout, and other facilities' locations have not been finalized at this time. Therefore, estimated acreage of potential disturbance is unknown, but facilities are anticipated to include up to 67 wind turbine locations, access roads, underground collection and communication lines, temporary staging areas, a Project substation, and an operations and maintenance building. A map of the Project Area location and boundary is enclosed for your reference (**Figures 1 and 2**).

Homestead (via their cultural resources consultant, Tetra Tech, Inc.), has initiated consultation with the State Historical Society of North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office (North Dakota SHPO) and completed a Site File Search and Historic Document Review through the SHPO's office in April of 2024. In addition, a cultural resource pedestrian survey of the agricultural field parcels, which make up the vast majority of the Project area (24,993 acres, 88%), was conducted in May and June 2025. The survey followed the North Dakota SHPO Guidelines Manual for Cultural Resource Inventory Projects (2020), and all field leads were listed on the North Dakota 2025 permit to conduct cultural resource investigations. A supplemental cultural resource shovel testing survey is proposed for non-agricultural portions of the Project where ground surface visibility is less than 30 percent should any portions of the final Project footprint be placed in these areas. In addition to the archaeological survey, a visual assessment survey for above ground architectural resources within a 2-mile buffer surrounding the Project Area will be conducted in summer/fall 2025.

Tetra Tech Inc., on behalf of Homestead Wind, is gathering information and respectfully requesting information regarding traditional cultural properties or other resources important to you in or near the proposed Project so that potential impacts to these resources may be avoided or mitigated during the project planning process. We welcome any comments your office may have at this time and throughout the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) permit process. Please provide comments regarding any constraints or concerns that you may have regarding this Project at your earliest convenience and ideally within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Any written comments provided in response to this letter will be incorporated into the PSC's review of the Project that will be submitted in early 2026.

If you require further information or have questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 720-256-6843 or at [Stephen.anderson@tetratech.com](mailto:Stephen.anderson@tetratech.com).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Anderson". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Stephen Anderson  
Principal Archaeologist, RPA  
Tetra Tech, Inc.

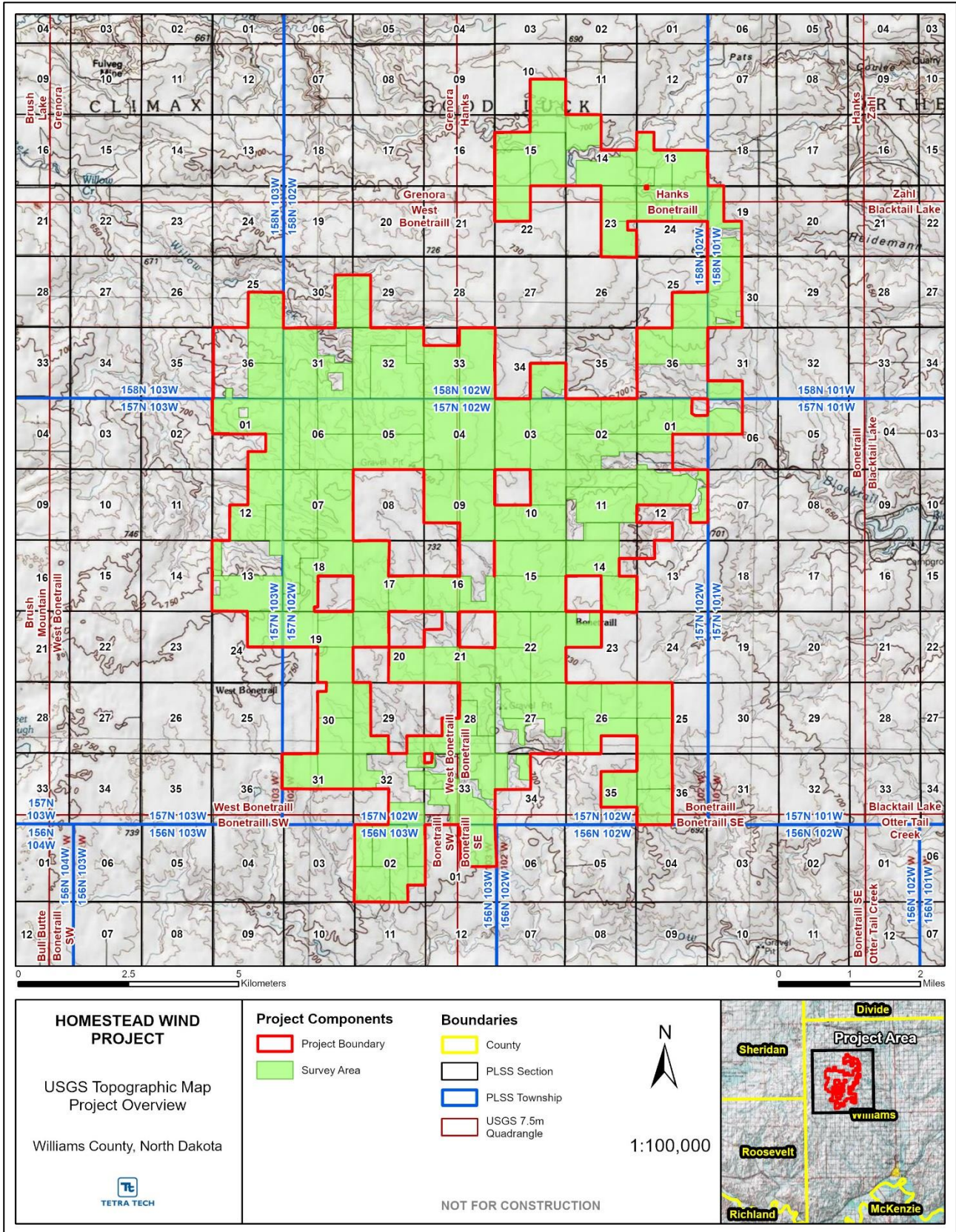


Figure 1. USGS Topographic Map of Project Area and Surveyed Areas.

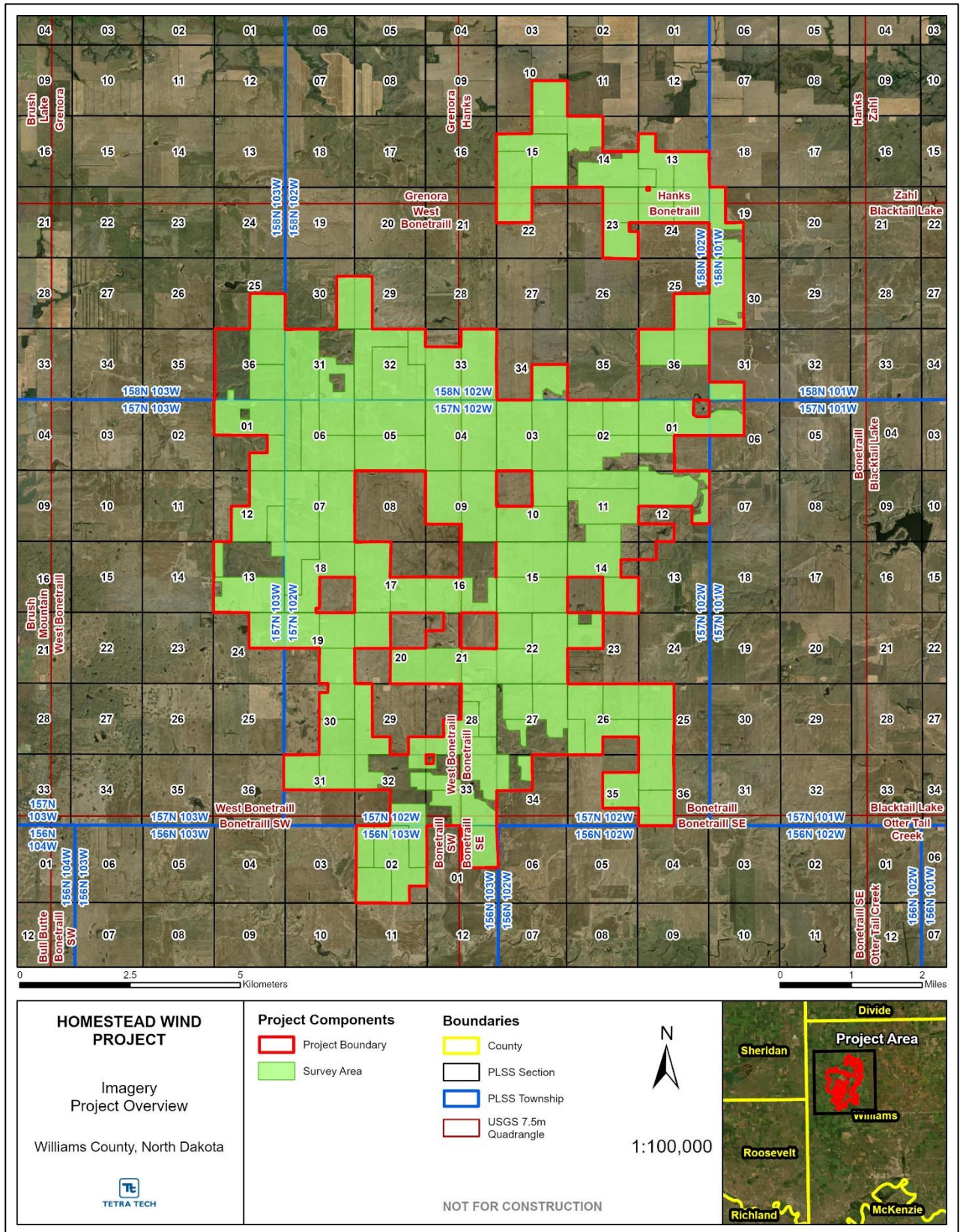


Figure 2. USGS Aerial Imagery Map of Project Area and Surveyed Areas.

## **Agency Correspondence Index**

**Table 2 - Homestead Wind Agency Correspondence Index**

Agency	Homestead Wind Action*	Date*
<b>NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES</b>		
Northern Cheyenne Tribe of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation, Montana	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
Rosebud Sioux Tribe of the Rosebud Indian Reservation, South Dakota	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
Turtle Mountain Band of the Chippewa Indians of North Dakota (Turtle Mountain Band)	Correspondence received	July 14, 2025
	Correspondence sent	July 11, 2025
<b>FEDERAL</b>		
U.S. Department of Defense (USDOD)	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) – North Dakota Ecological Services Field Office	Correspondence received	July 17, 2025
	Correspondence received	July 17, 2025
	Correspondence sent	July 17, 2025
	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
	Correspondence sent	July 17, 2024
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), North Dakota Regulatory Office	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) - North Dakota NRCS State Office	Correspondence received	August 19, 2025
	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
Federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Montana/Dakotas State Office	Correspondence received	July 24, 2025
	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
20 <sup>th</sup> Airforce 91 <sup>st</sup> Missile Wind	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
Minot Air Force Base	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
Grand Forks Air Force Base	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
<b>STATE</b>		
North Dakota Aeronautics Commission (ND Aeronautics Commission)	Correspondence received	August 19, 2025
	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
North Dakota Office of Attorney General	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025

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Agency	Homestead Wind Action*	Date*
North Dakota Department of Agriculture (NDDA)	Correspondence sent	February 11, 2026
	Correspondence received	February 10, 2026
	Correspondence received	February 6, 2026
	Correspondence sent	February 5, 2026
	Correspondence received	January 30, 2026
	Correspondence sent	January 30, 2026
	Correspondence received	January 28, 2026
	Correspondence sent	January 28, 2026
	Correspondence received	January 27, 2026
	Correspondence sent	January 27, 2026
	Correspondence received	January 9, 2026
	Correspondence sent	January 9, 2026
	Correspondence sent	January 8, 2026
	Correspondence sent	July 17, 2025
	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
North Dakota Department of Health (NDDH)	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
North Dakota Department of Health & Human Services (NDHHS)	Correspondence sent	August 13, 2025
	Correspondence received	August 13, 2025
	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
North Dakota Department of Labor and Human Rights	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
North Dakota Department of Commerce	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
Energy Infrastructure and Impact Office North Dakota Department of Trust Lands	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025

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Agency	Homestead Wind Action*	Date*
North Dakota Game and Fish Department (NDGFD)	Correspondence sent	August 18, 2025
	Correspondence received	July 29, 2025
	Correspondence sent	July 28, 2025
	Correspondence received	July 16, 2025
	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
	Correspondence sent	July 10, 2025
	Correspondence sent	July 10, 2025
	Correspondence sent	July 7, 2025
	Correspondence received	July 7, 2025
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	Correspondence sent	July 17, 2024
	Correspondence received	February 9, 2023
Correspondence sent	February 8, 2023	
Correspondence received	February 8, 2023	
Correspondence sent	February 7, 2023	
North Dakota Industrial Commission	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
Office of Governor Kelly Armstrong	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025

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Agency	Homestead Wind Action*	Date*
North Dakota Department of Transportation (ND DOT)	Correspondence received	August 21, 2025
	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND)	Correspondence received	February 10, 2026
	Correspondence sent	February 10, 2026
	Correspondence received	February 10, 2026
	Correspondence received	January 15, 2026
	Correspondence received	January 13, 2026
	Correspondence received	December 24, 2025
	Correspondence received	December 19, 2025
	Correspondence received	December 17, 2025
	Correspondence received	November 25, 2025
	Correspondence received	August 13, 2025
	Correspondence received	August 13, 2025
	Correspondence received	August 13, 2025
	Correspondence sent	August 1, 2025
	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
Job Service North Dakota	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
North Dakota Department of Trust Lands (NDDTL)	Correspondence received	December 10, 2025
	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
	Correspondence received	May 14, 2025
	Correspondence received	May 14, 2025
	Correspondence received	May 1, 2025
	Correspondence sent	April 28, 2025
North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD)	Correspondence received	August 13, 2025
	Correspondence received	August 13, 2025
	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
North Dakota Department of Water Resources (NDDWR)	Correspondence received	August 21, 2025
	Correspondence received	August 19, 2025

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Agency	Homestead Wind Action*	Date*
	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
North Dakota Transmission Authority c/o North Dakota Industrial Commission	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
North Dakota Pipeline Authority c/o North Dakota Industrial Commission	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ)	Correspondence received	August 11, 2025
	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
North Dakota Geological Survey (NDGS)	Correspondence received	July 29, 2025
	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
North Dakota Forest Service State Headquarters – Molberg Center	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
<b>LOCAL</b>		
Williams County Board of Commissioners c/o Beth Innis, County Auditor	Correspondence sent	July 14, 2025
Williston Basin International Airport (Williston Airport)	Correspondence sent	September 17, 2025
	Correspondence received	September 16, 2025
	Correspondence sent	September 16, 2025
	Correspondence sent	September 15, 2025
Williams County Weed Board (County Weed Board)	Correspondence received	October 15, 2025
	Correspondence sent	October 14, 2025
*Shaded Correspondence = Project Notification Letter dated July 14, 2025; to avoid redundancy, this letter is not included with the following agency correspondence (refer to representative letters).		

## **Agency Correspondence**

**Turtle Mountain Band of the Chippewa Indians of  
North Dakota**

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**From:** Larus Longie <[larus.longie@tmbci.org](mailto:larus.longie@tmbci.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 14, 2025 10:11 AM  
**To:** Anderson, Stephen <[Stephen.Anderson@tetrattech.com](mailto:Stephen.Anderson@tetrattech.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Homestead Wind Project, Williams, North Dakota

⚠ **CAUTION:** This email originated from an external sender. Verify the source before opening links or attachments. ⚠

TMBCI THPO office has been a part of the survey teams in that area because of the vast homeland of native nations. The land is probably privately owned at this time, but in the past was the hunting grounds of these native nations. From the information your office has sent no survey work has been completed. If there is please send that information to our office. Larus Longie THPO Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa

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**From:** Anderson, Stephen <[Stephen.Anderson@tetrattech.com](mailto:Stephen.Anderson@tetrattech.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 11, 2025 4:05 PM  
**To:** Jamie S. Azure <[jamie.azure@tmbci.org](mailto:jamie.azure@tmbci.org)>; Larus Longie <[larus.longie@tmbci.org](mailto:larus.longie@tmbci.org)>  
**Cc:** Sarah Sinsabaugh <[sarah.cromie@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:sarah.cromie@apexcleanenergy.com)>; jennie.geiger <[jennie.geiger@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:jennie.geiger@apexcleanenergy.com)>  
**Subject:** Homestead Wind Project, Williams, North Dakota

Chairperson Azure,

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Respectfully,

**Stephen Anderson, M.A. R.P.A | Principal Archaeologist**  
Direct: [303.980.3601](tel:303.980.3601) | Fax: [303.980.3539](tel:303.980.3539) | Cell: [720.256.6843](tel:720.256.6843)  
[stephen.anderson@tetrattech.com](mailto:stephen.anderson@tetrattech.com)

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**USFWS**

**From:** [Johnson, Jessica M](#)  
**To:** [Toso, Luke B](#); [Sarah Sinsabaugh](#); [Edens, Hanna K](#); [Johnson, Jessica N](#)  
**Cc:** [Jennie Geiger](#); [Pete Holmes](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Business Confidential: Homestead Wind - June 9th Meeting Notes and Project Boundary  
**Date:** Thursday, July 17, 2025 2:09:56 PM

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Hello,

I have added the correct Jessica to this chain.

Thank You,

**Jessica Johnson**

Administrative Specialist

**USFWS - Office of Law Enforcement- PRU/BIU/SOD**

698 Conservation Way, G-13

Shepherdstown WV, 25443

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*"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do." - Mark Twain*

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Hi Sarah -

Thanks for reaching out! Your educated guess was correct and both Hanna and Jessica received this email, too.

Luke

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**Business Confidential**

Hello Hanna, Jessica, and Luke,

Thank you to USFWS for meeting with us on June 9, 2025 to discuss the proposed Homestead Wind Project located in Williams County, North Dakota. I have attached meeting notes outlining the topics discussed, as well as the PowerPoint presentation (PPT) presented, for your review and consideration. I have also attached the current Project Boundary for your files. We look forward to continuing to work together on this Project, please let us know if you have questions or would like to discuss anything further.

If you could please confirm receipt given the size of this email I would appreciate it. [@Toso, Luke B](#) I do not have email addresses for Hanna or Jessica and took an educated guess; could you please ensure this email reaches them? Thank you!

Best Always,

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## HOMESTEAD WIND PROJECT - MEETING SUMMARY

### Meeting Attendees:

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Notes Prepared by: Homestead Wind

Date: 17 July 2025

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**General Project Area Information:** The Project Area has been sited to avoid important conservation lands, with most USFWS easements and state trust lands located outside the Project Area. Homestead indicated that the Project is working with North Dakota State Trust Lands to site two turbines on two of their managed parcels. Landcover within the Project Area consists

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<sup>1</sup> Homestead would like to clarify that the acreage of 45,710 reported on the slide deck during the meeting was incorrect and the correct acreage is approximately 25,009 acres for the Project Area.

primarily of habitat dominated by cultivated crops (83%) and herbaceous rangeland (12%), with minimal forested areas (woody wetlands, deciduous, mixed forest) within the Project Area (totaling 0.16%). There are minor intermittent drainages, wetlands, and waterbodies onsite, approximately 0.89%. The Project will be designed to avoid and minimize impacts to waterbodies and wetlands to the extent practicable. Similarly, Homestead indicated that the Project will be designed to avoid/minimize impacts to native grasslands and intends to site Project infrastructure within agricultural areas to the extent practicable; all turbines except for the two potentially located on North Dakota State Trust Lands will be sited to avoid native grasslands. Field verification of the desktop grassland assessment has been completed. Field verification and delineation of wetlands has started on the buildable areas for the Project to further assess the quantity and quality of these features to inform Project design.

**Federally Listed Species and State Species of Conservation Priority (SCP):** It was agreed that the federally threatened piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*) and federally threatened rufa red knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*) are unlikely to occur within the Project Area given the lack of potentially suitable habitat (sandy or gravelly beaches and sandbars).

The federally endangered northern long-eared bat (NLEB, *Myotis septentrionalis*) was listed on the IPaC in 2024 and there was agreement during the 2024 Homestead, USFWS, and NDGF meeting that it was unlikely for the species to be present at the Project due to a lack of potentially suitable habitat. The NLEB is no longer listed on the IPaC in 2025. IPaC uses modeled summer habitat for NLEB; however, the Project Area does overlap with the USFWS range map for wind projects which includes potential migratory range. USFWS noted that NLEB should still be considered in Project planning despite not being included on the IPaC. There was disagreement among the agencies as to the likelihood of NLEB occurring within the Project. Homestead confirmed that a desktop NLEB habitat assessment was complete and general bat acoustic activity surveys are ongoing at the Project's meteorological (met) towers to assess bat activity and species composition within the Project Area. The desktop habitat assessment identified no potentially suitable forested summer habitat for NLEB. USFWS inquired whether a plan for general bat acoustic activity surveys was submitted to the USFWS prior to initiating the survey. Homestead was unsure if one was submitted at the time, but has since confirmed (and would like to clarify) that a survey plan was not submitted because the surveys are general bat acoustic activity surveys being completed at three met towers to follow the USFWS WEGs, and not acoustic presence/probable absence surveys that require study plan submission.

Additionally, it was agreed that there is potential for the federally endangered whooping crane (*Grus Americana*) to utilize the Project Area, as the Project falls within the 75% band of the USFWS Whooping Crane Migration Corridor. Homestead confirmed they will run the Niemuth model to identify potential whooping crane habitat within the Project Area and indicated that avian use surveys will further inform potential risk to these species by documenting presence/potential absence within the Project Area. Homestead pointed out the fact that they are unaware of any known whooping crane collisions with turbines within the US to date, which was confirmed by all agencies.

**Avian Studies:** Homestead presented results of Year 2 avian use studies which commenced in October 2024, in accordance with the USFWS WEGs and ECPG, to inform spatial and temporal use of the Project Area by birds throughout the year. As of April 2025, no federally listed species, two

golden eagles, and three bald eagles had been observed during the 328 hours of surveys completed during Year 2 surveys. The Year 2 study will conclude in September 2025.

Raptor nest studies were conducted from February 21 through April 21, 2025, in accordance with the USFWS Region 6 Guidelines. No bald or golden eagle nests were documented within the Project Area or 2-mile buffer. No additional surveys are planned at this time; potential future surveys to be conducted based on construction timing to ensure regulatory compliance.

Sharp-tailed Grouse - Homestead presented the results of Year 2 sharp-tailed grouse surveys which were completed within two miles of the Project Area from March 16 – April 29, 2025, in accordance with NDGFD survey methodology recommendations. The survey documented no leks within the Project Area and three leks within the 2-mile buffer from the Project Area. Homestead plans to site turbines to avoid untilled and replanted grassland within 2 miles of a known active lek, to the extent practicable. If full avoidance is not feasible, then Homestead will work with NDGFD to identify appropriate best management practices to minimize potential risk to this species (e.g., construction timing).

**Other:** NDGFD indicated they have a state permit for eagle take and will expect the Project to obtain this permit if the Project applies for a USFWS general eagle permit.

NDDA and NDGFD discussed the NDDA mitigation program and the NDDA's impact assessment model. NDDA stated they are still working on the model, and Homestead indicated the Project plans to utilize the model. NDGFD stated they will still run their separate impact analysis during the permitting process and their results will be presented in their comments to the Public Utility Commission. Additionally, there was discussion regarding the USFWS's recent proposed rule to rescind the regulatory definition of 'harm' under the Endangered Species Act, which would remove habitat degradation and indirect effects as forms of take from project consideration. The NDGFD stated they will still take indirect impacts into consideration during their project review.

NDGFD and NDDA both indicated they will write comment letters for the Project once Homestead submits the final Project boundary to each agency. NDGFD stated they should have the letter completed within 30 days. NDDA said they would prefer 120 days to compile their letter. NDGFD also indicated that they would be willing to provide a letter in support of the efforts taken to avoid and minimize impacts to wildlife and the environment as proposed by Homestead, and requested a document outlining these measures be provided.

Action Items:

- Homestead to complete studies as outlined in the attached PPT.
- Homestead to send final project boundary shapefiles and/or kmz to NDGFD and NDDA so the agencies can complete their comment letters (note final Project Boundary kmz sent via email with these notes on July 17, 2025).
- Homestead to provide a document outlining the avoidance and minimization measures that the Project will commit to as outlined in the attached PPT (note this was provided to NDGFD via email on July 10, 2025); NDGFD to provide a letter in support of avoidance and minimization measures.

## Attachment 1: Power Point Presentation

# Homestead Wind Project

Agency Meeting



June 9, 2025

# Agenda

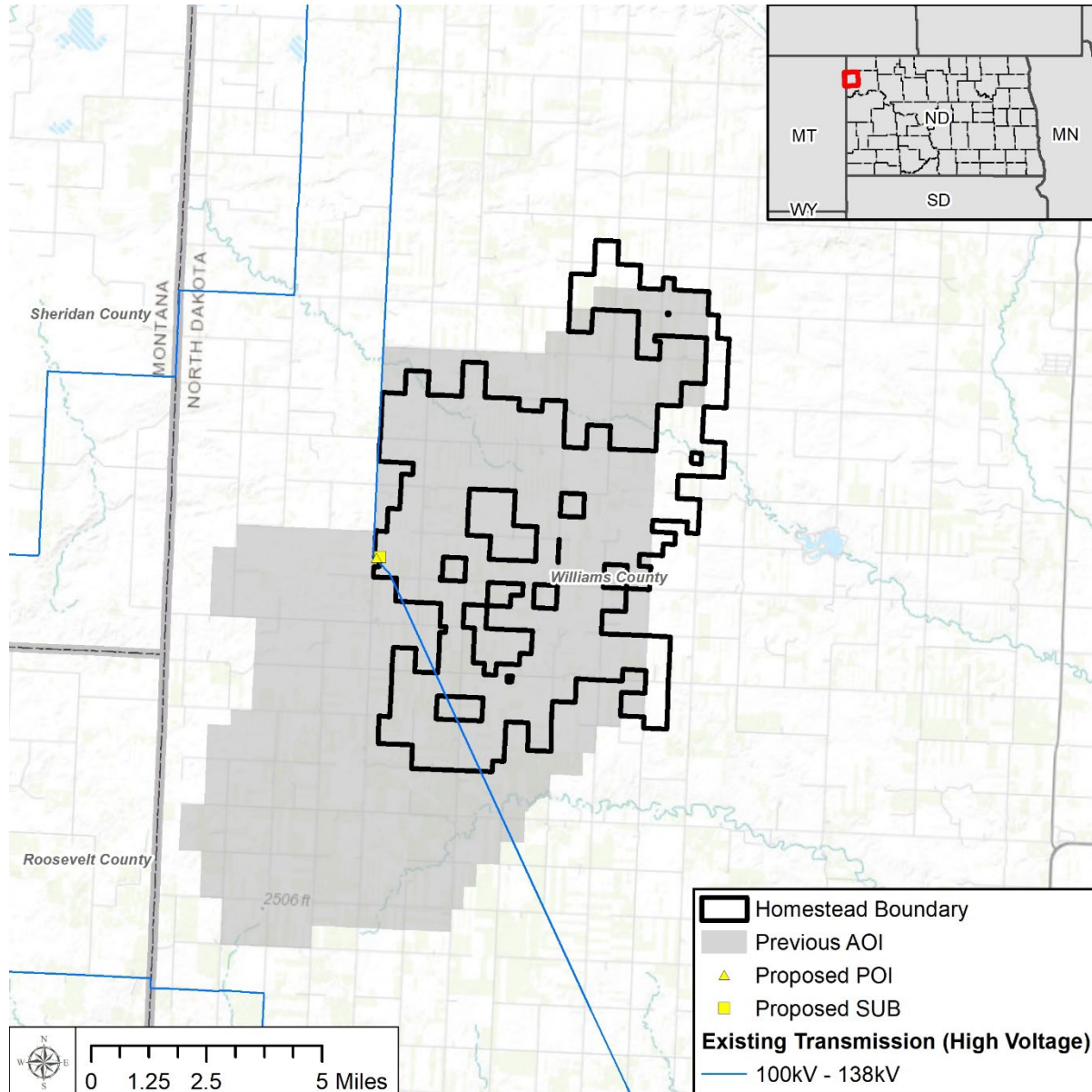
- Project Overview and Update
- Summarize Wildlife Studies Completed to Date
- Agency Recommendations
- Discuss Permitting Timeline
- Discuss Next Steps



# Business Confidentiality/FOIA Exemption

- Importance of sharing data and open collaboration
- Information exchanged between Apex, USFWS, and NDGFD is exempt from release under FOIA Exemption 4 if the information is:
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# Project Overview



## Project Capacity and Details

Up to 255MW; Project Boundary (~ 45,710 ac)

## Commercial Operations

2028 COD Target

## Project Drivers

Landowner support

Strong and proven wind resource

Increased Regulatory Certainty

Interconnect within Project boundary and adjacent to collector substation; T-Line length <200ft

## Project Status

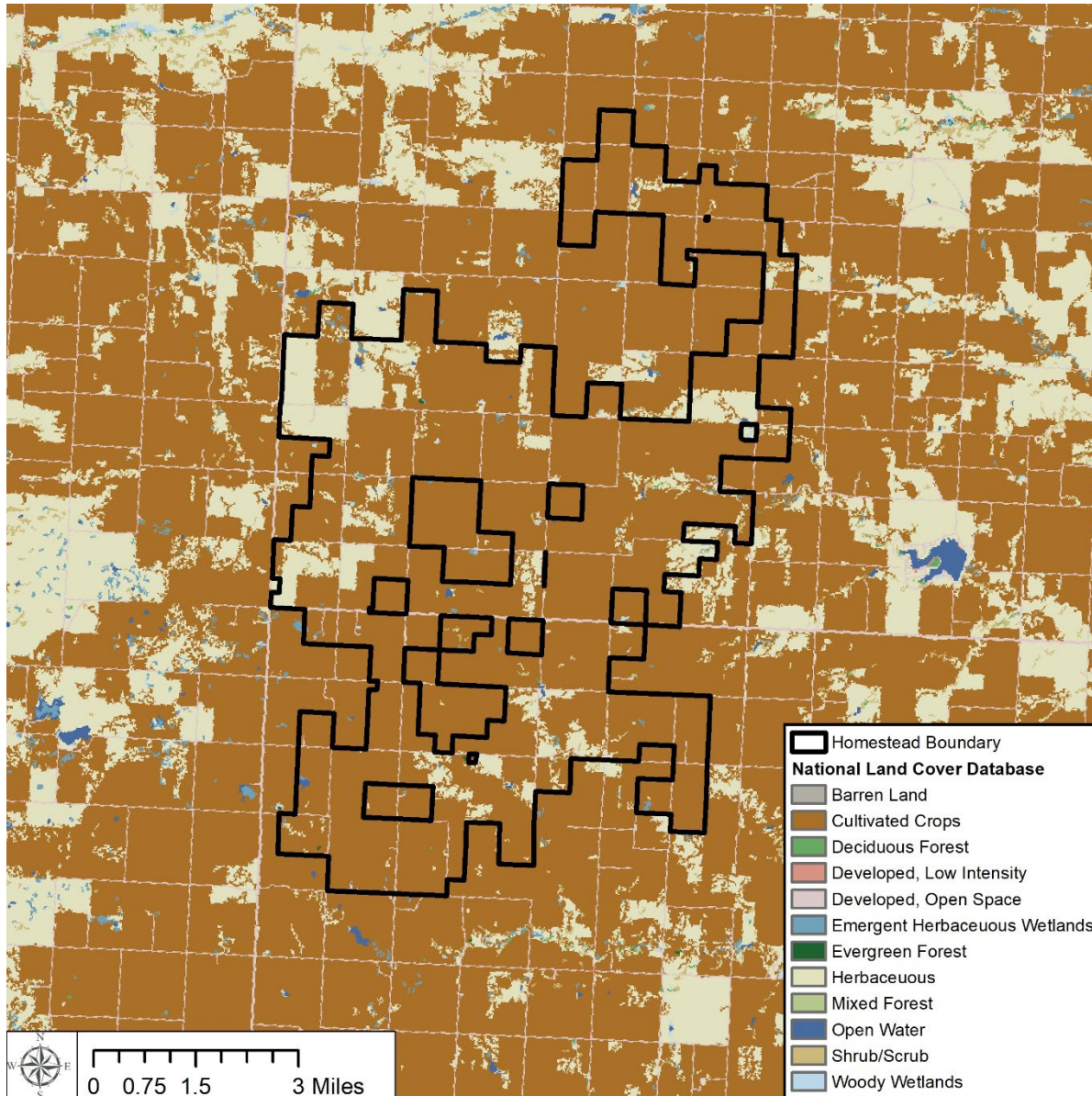
Project boundary further reduced to address feedback to date

Leasing is 100% complete

County permitting anticipated late summer/early fall 2025, State permitting anticipated early 2026

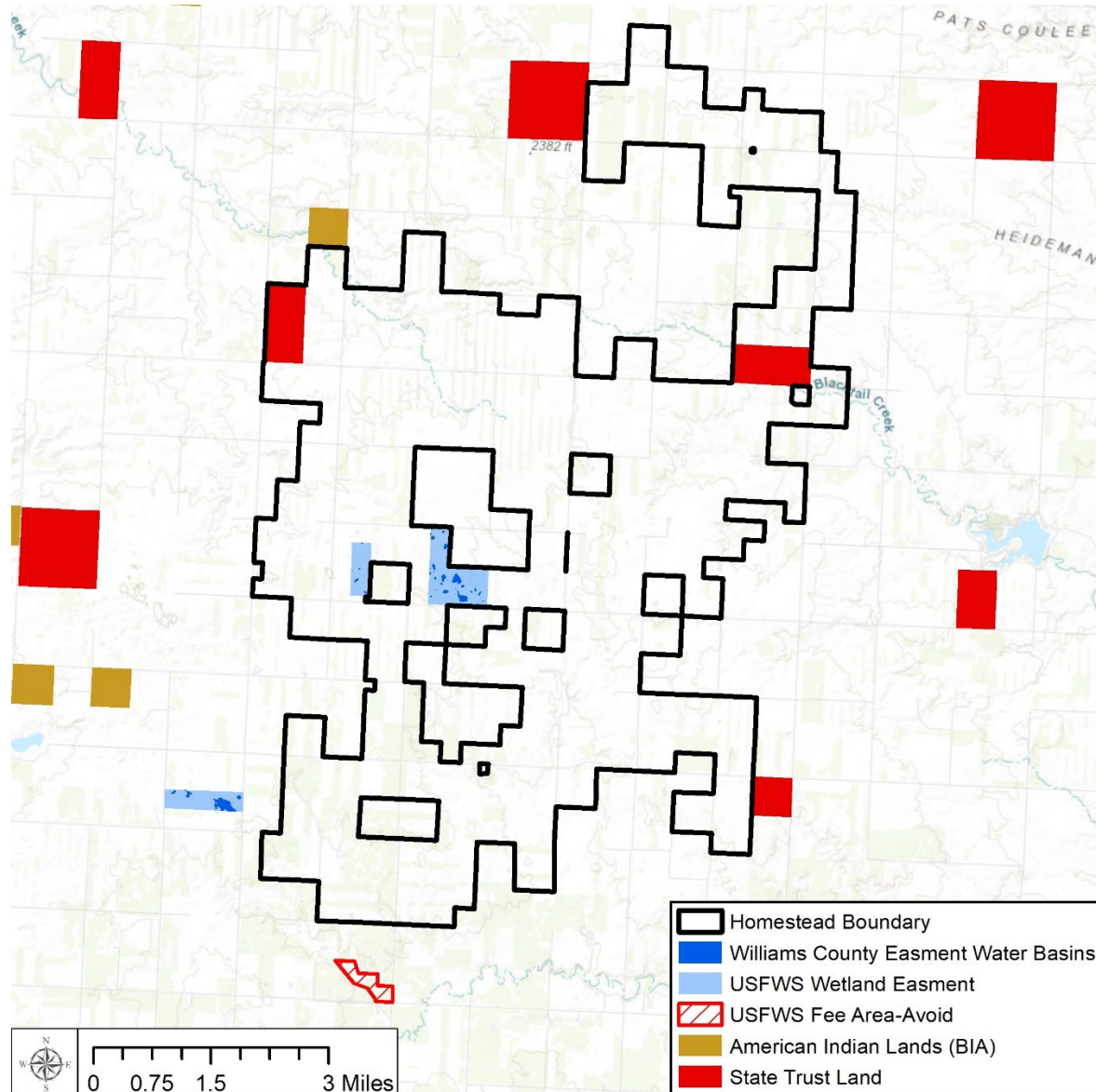
Tier 3, Stage 2 wildlife & habitat surveys either initiated or completed

# Topography/Land Use



- Habitat is dominated by cultivated crops (83%) followed by herbaceous rangeland (12%)
- Low abundance of wetlands and larger waterbodies within the Project boundary (0.89%)
- Low abundance of forested areas (woody wetlands, deciduous, mixed forest) within Project boundary (0.16%)
- Gently rolling topography typical of the region
- Project being designed to avoid and minimize grassland impacts to the maximum extent practicable

# Protected and Conservation Areas



- Project sited to avoid important conservation lands
- No Audubon IBAs within ~10.8 miles - closest one is Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge to the west-northwest
- USFWS Fee Land and Easements:
  - No grassland easements within current Project boundary
  - Wetland basins conserved under wetland easements will be avoided
- State Trust Land - NDDTL favorable to turbines in parcel on east side of Project

# Federally Listed Species Potentially Occurring in Project Area

Species, Status	Status	Potential to occur	Comments from 2024 Meeting
Piping Plover, FT		Unlikely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unlikely to occur within the Project Area due to lack of suitable habitat</li> <li>Inhabits sandy beaches, sparsely vegetated shores and islands of shallow lakes, rivers, impoundments</li> </ul>
Rufa Red Knot, FT		Unlikely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unlikely to occur (during spring migration) within the Project Area given lack of potentially suitable habitat</li> <li>Inhabits sandy or gravelly beaches and sandbars</li> </ul>
Whooping Crane, FE		Possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project within migration corridor (75% band)</li> <li>Project agreed to run Niemuth model and use avian use survey results to further inform potential risk</li> </ul>

Source: IPaC, accessed June 2025.

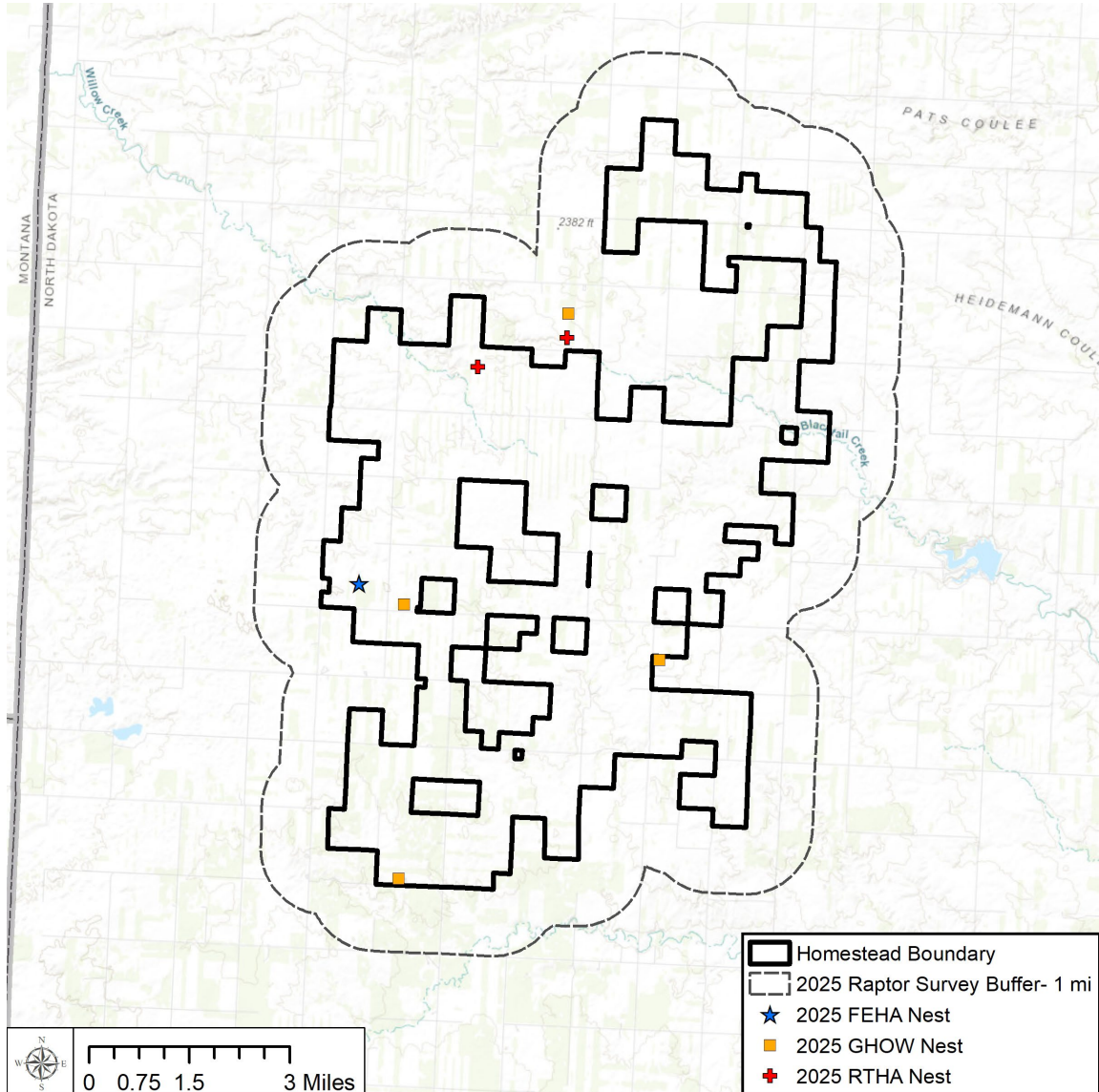
- Monarch butterfly (PFT), Suckley's cuckoo bumble bee (PFE), and Western regal fritillary (PFT) all listed on current IPaC; species not yet listed.
- NLEB (FE) and Dakota skipper (FT) were previously listed on the IPaC in 2024 and discussed during the 2024 meeting; all agreed both species were unlikely to occur within the Project Area given lack of potentially suitable habitat.

# Previously Discussed Study Plan

Planned Survey	Proposed Approach
General Avian/Eagle Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 yrs of surveys (Feb 2023 - Jan 2024, Oct 2024 - Sep 2025)</li> <li>• In accordance with USFWS ECPG (<math>\geq 30\%</math> of Project area; 100-m radius for small birds [Yr 1 only], 800-m radius for raptors/large birds [Yr 1 &amp; Yr 2])</li> </ul>
Raptor Nest Surveys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feb-Aug 2023 &amp; Feb - April 2025</li> <li>• Conduct surveys in accordance with USFWS Region 6 guidance (all raptor species within 1 mi, eagles within 2 mi)</li> </ul>
Lek Surveys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focused STG lek surveys in accordance with NDGF protocols (2023 and 2025)</li> </ul>
Grasslands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desktop assessment (2023) and field verification (completed 2024 &amp; 2025) to identify and map unbroken grassland areas</li> </ul>
Wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desktop assessment completed 2023</li> <li>• Field study started May 2025</li> </ul>

- Acoustic bat monitoring was not previously discussed with USFWS or NDGF; however, that monitoring started in 2025

# Raptor Nest Survey 2025



## Methods

- Completed Feb 21 through April 21, 2025
- A series of ground-based and aerial surveys per USFWS Region 6 Guidelines
- All raptor nests within Project area + 1-mile and eagle nests within Project area + 2.0-mi radius

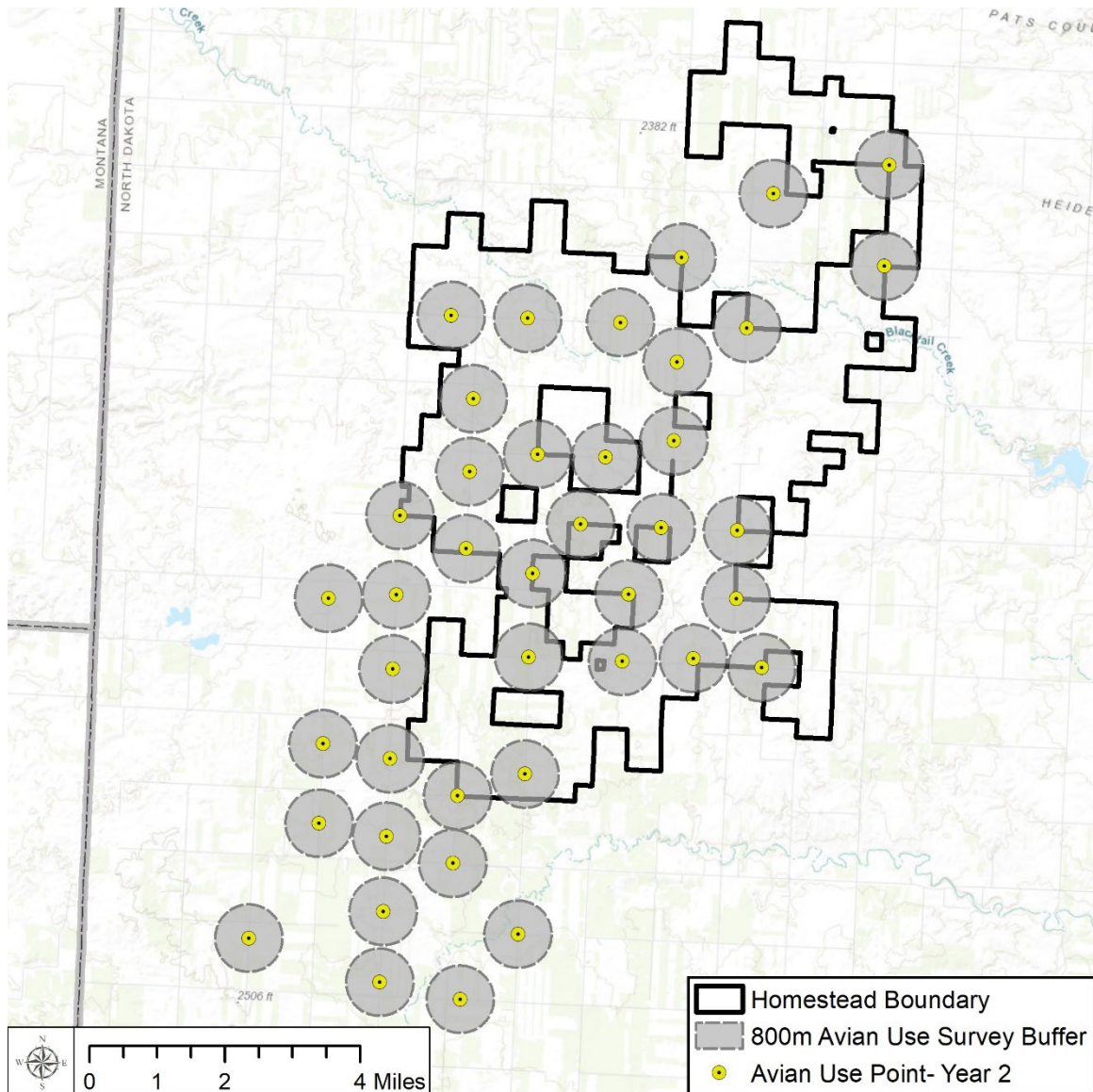
## Results

- No bald or golden eagle nests documented within the Project or 2-mile eagle survey buffer
- 7 active raptor nests (4 GHOW, 1 FEHA, 2 RTHA) within Project and 1-mile raptor survey buffer

## Summary/Response

- Limited nesting habitat, common species
- Additional surveys TBD based on construction timing

# 2024-2025 Avian and Eagle Use Surveys



## Methods

- October 2024 - September 2025
- 41 points, 1x/mo (through April 2025)
  - No small bird surveys in Yr 2
  - 60 min 800-m radius, all large birds (including eagles)

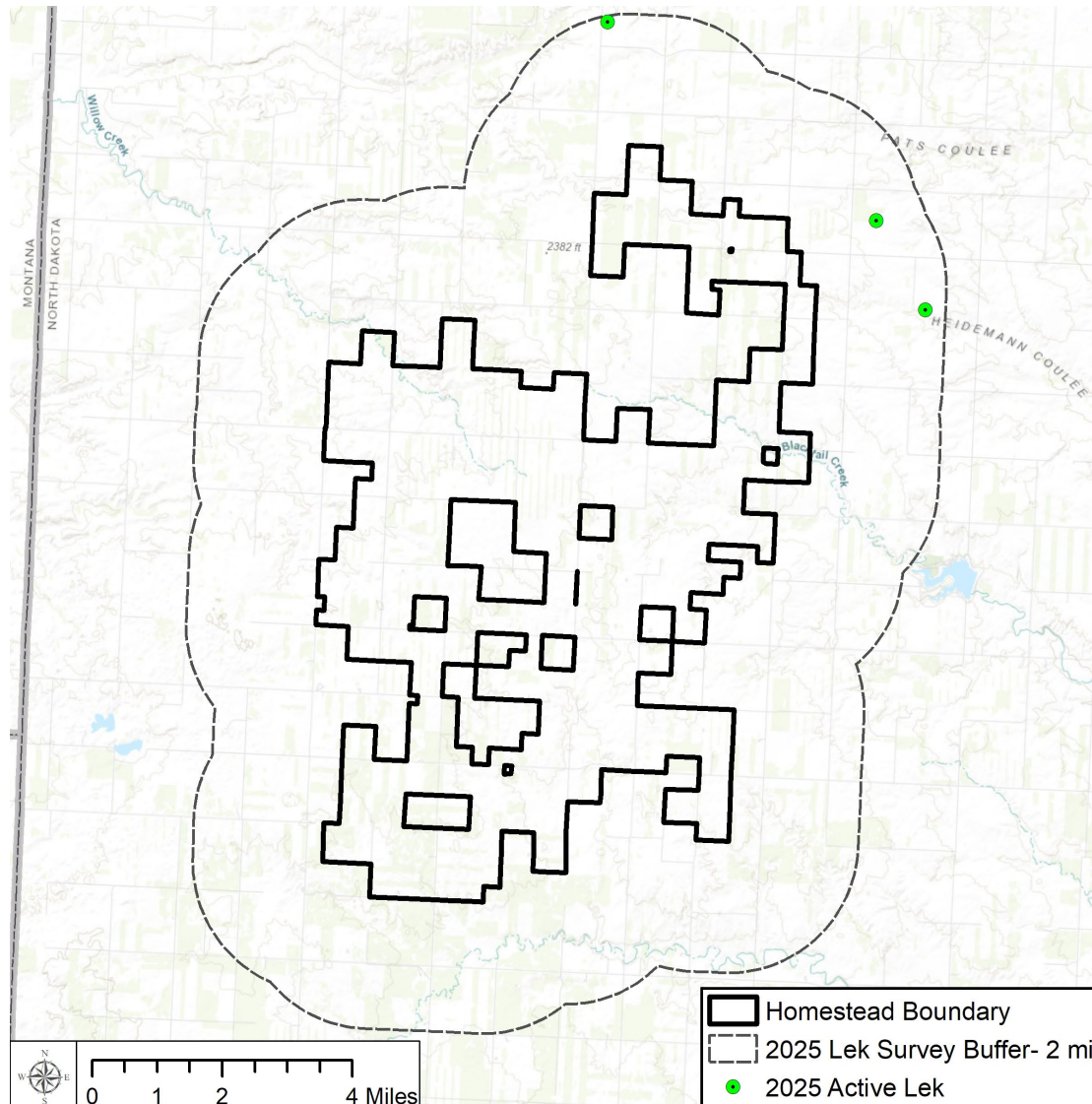
## Results (Preliminary Oct 2024 - April 2025)

- 328 hours of surveys completed
- No fed-listed species, interim summary for BOPC and SCP not yet complete
- 5 eagle obs (3 BAEA, 2 GOEA) within 800 m and flying below 200 m w/in current Project boundary
- Ring-necked pheasant 19.8% obs, sandhill crane 19.4% obs, snow goose 19.2% obs, Canada goose 17.5% obs

## Summary/Response

- Data suggest low risk to federal and state SCP species based on surveys to date
- Project eligible for general eagle permit, may elect to pursue in the future

# Sharp-tailed grouse (STGR) Lek Survey 2025



## Methods

- STGR lek surveys March 16 - April 29, 2025
- Three rounds of ground-based surveys within Project boundary and 2-mile buffer
- Survey methodology followed NDGFD recommendations

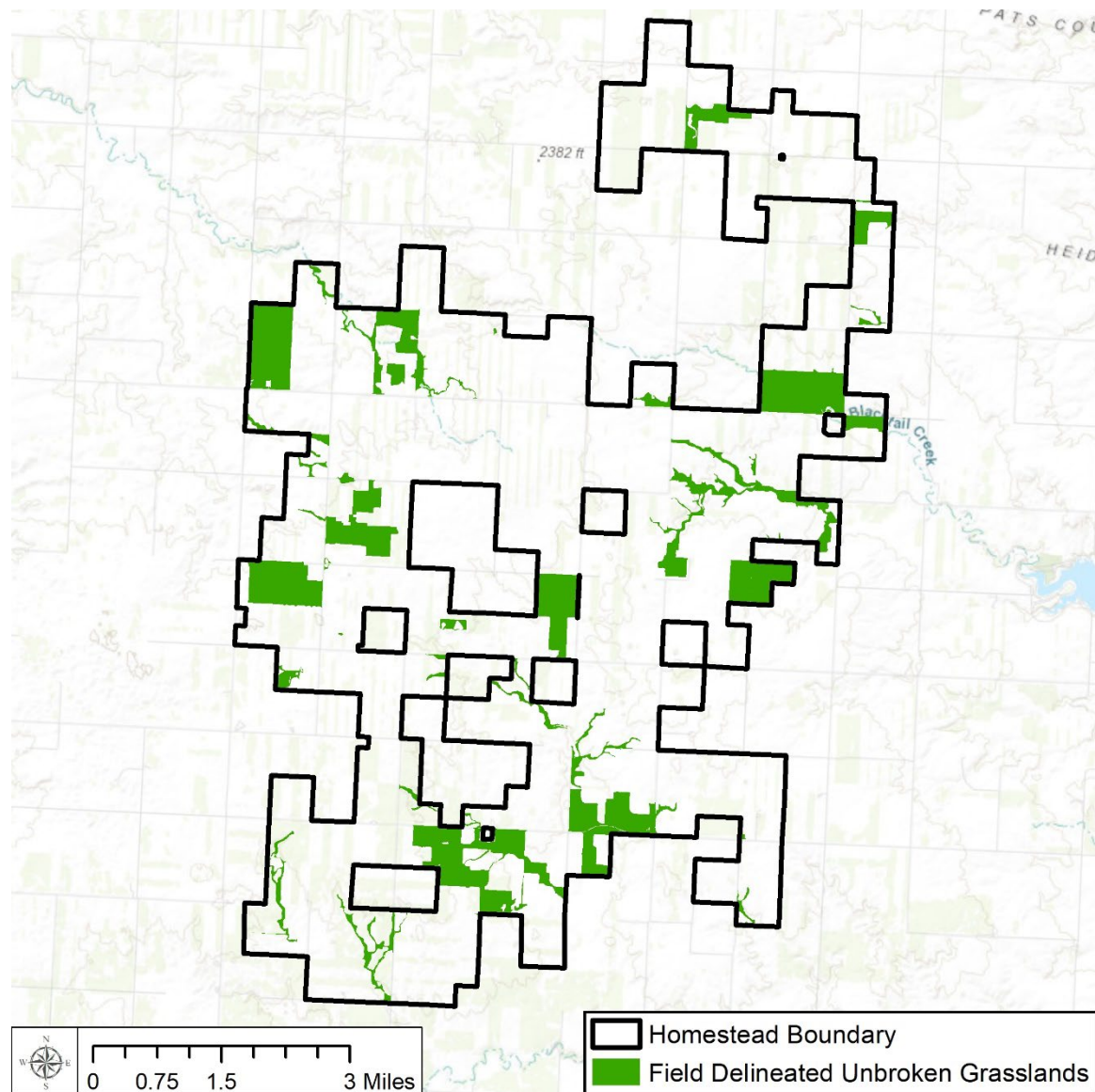
## Results

- No leks within the 2025 Project Boundary, 3 leks within the 2-mile buffer

## Summary/Response

- Turbines will be sited to avoid untilled and replanted grassland within 2 miles of a lek to extent practicable, field grassland surveys completed to verify
- No additional surveys planned or warranted

# Grassland Assessment



## Methods

- A desktop review of the North Dakota Native Habitat layer, as well as digital soil data and aerial photos to identify potentially undisturbed (i.e., untilled) grasslands within the Project Area
- Field surveys in 2024 and 2025 to verify desktop results for untilled grasslands

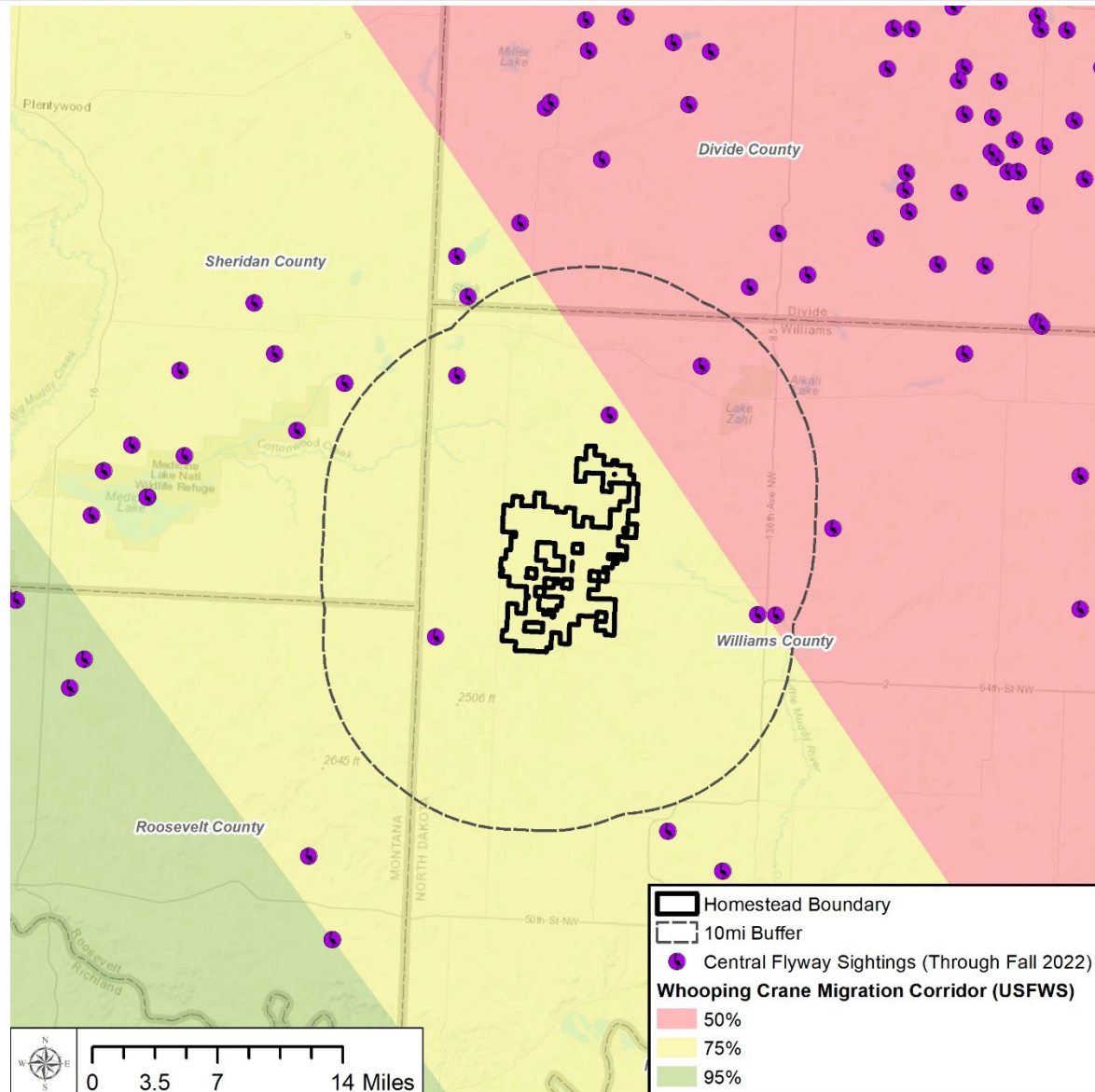
## Results

- Field surveys determined 2,665 acreage untilled grassland
- Turbines have been sited to avoid impacts to untilled grassland except on State Trust Land; project facilities will be sited to avoid untilled grasslands to the greatest extent possible

## Summary/Response

- Additional field surveys will be completed to verify results of desktop assessment for any areas outside current survey corridor

# Whooping Crane



- Desktop review of historic use in and around the Project area
- Six WHCR observations documented within 10 mi of Project boundary
- One WHCR observation located on the western Project boundary; observation from 1983
- T-Line <200ft will be constructed, will use existing infrastructure
- No known WHCR fatalities from wind turbine to date

## Response

- Potential presence assessed during avian use surveys; none documented during surveys to date
- Currently under contract for run of Niemuth model to assess potential habitat within Project and surrounding area

# Summary of Findings To Date

## Federally-Listed Species

- No federally listed birds documented to date (incl WHCR; low risk of impact)
- NLEB presence unlikely based on lack of habitat

### Response

- Acoustic surveys in progress to inform bat use of Project area

## Avian

- Low raptor nesting density, common species, limited nesting habitat, low risk of impact
- Active STGR leks confirmed during 2025 surveys

### Response

- Complete Year 2 of avian use survey
- Project eligible for general eagle permit, may elect to pursue in the future

## Untilled Grassland

- Field verification surveys complete

### Response

- Grasslands are mapped and will be avoided to the extent practicable

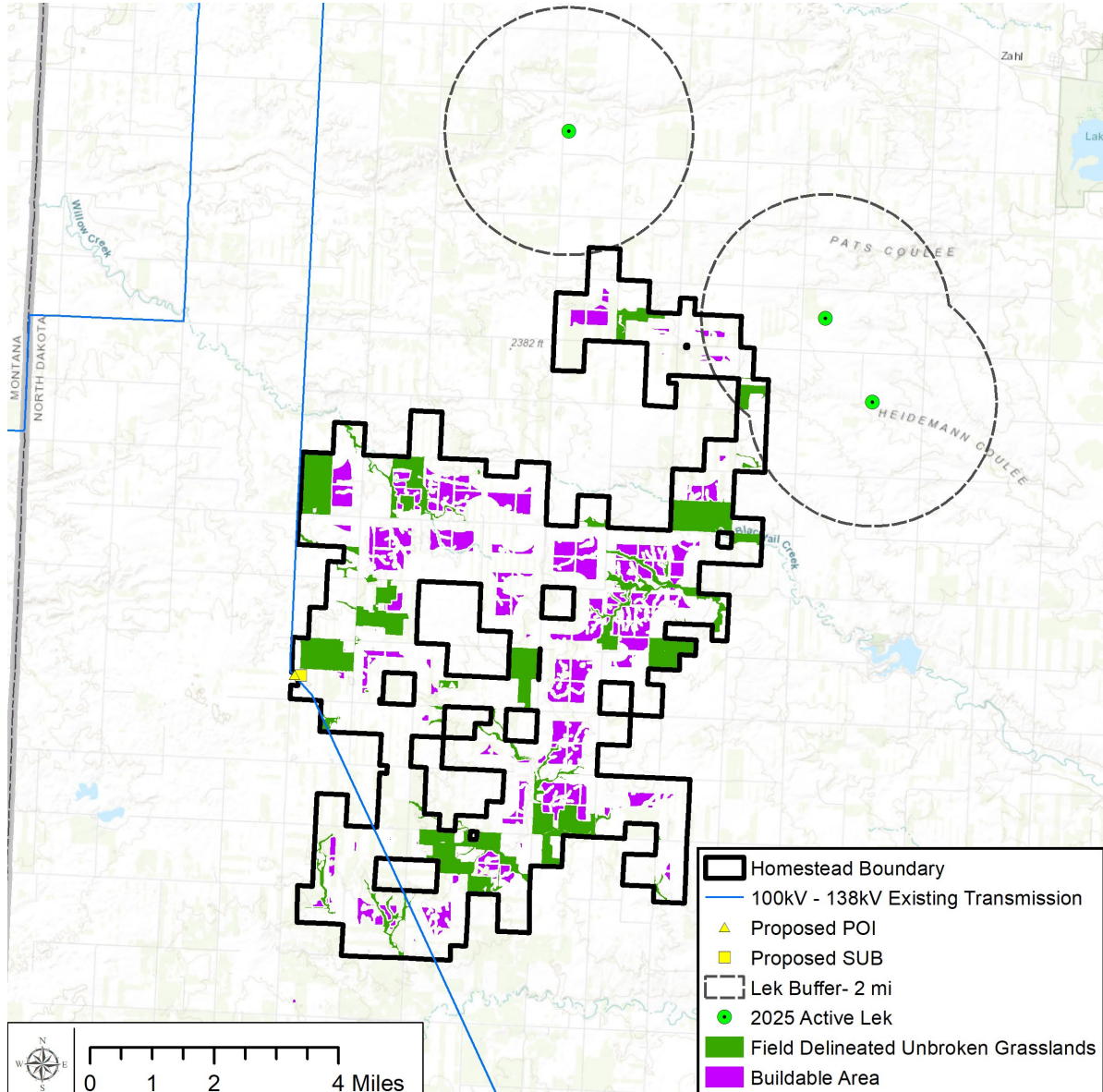
## Aquatic Resources

- Field study in progress, field study to be completed in late summer 2025

### Response

- Aquatic resources will be mapped and avoided to the extent practicable

# Environmental Setbacks and Project Buildable Area



- Project is being designed in response to agency recommendations and to ensure regulatory compliance
- Homestead has incorporated the following environmental setbacks into the turbine buildable area we will be presenting to Williams County:

Environmental Feature	Current Setback
STGR Lek	2-mile if within untilled grassland
Untilled Grassland	Constructability
Wetlands/Streams	Constructability
Waterfowl Production Areas	1-mile
USFWS Water Basins	Constructability

# Next Steps



## 2025-2026

- Complete Surveys as Discussed in Previous Slides
- Implement appropriate avoidance/minimization measures based on survey results and as agreed upon with USFWS and NDGF
- County permitting conversations have started, application anticipated to start late summer/early fall 2025
- Submittal of ND PSC application in early 2026

## Apex Goals and Commitments

- Bring renewable energy project to operations
- Update agencies on permitting timeline as process unfolds

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Good Morning Heidi,

Attached please find a summary of the meeting notes and power point presentation from our Homestead Wind introductory meeting on April 9, 2024. There is also a GIS file of the project boundary for your use and records. Thank you for participating in the meeting and for your thoughtful feedback. We are all looking forward to working with you more on this project! If you could let me know you received this, I would appreciate it.

Thank you,  
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NDGFP indicated that the Project is likely far enough south to avoid potential impacts to the federally threatened piping plover (*Charadrius Melodus*); however, there are some larger alkaline basins to the north and west which is typical plover habitat. Additionally, it was agreed that there is potential for the federally endangered whooping crane (*Grus Americana*) to utilize the Project area, as the Project falls within the 75% band of the USFWS Whooping Crane Migration Corridor. USFWS asked if Homestead will be running the Niemuth model to identify potential whooping crane habitat within the Project Area; Homestead confirmed that it would. Homestead indicated that avian use surveys will further inform potential risk to these species by documenting presence/potential absence within the Project Area.

It was additionally agreed that there is potential for sharp-tailed grouse (SCP Level 1; *Tympanuchus phasianellus*) to use the Project Area. Homestead indicated that three rounds of ground-based sharp-tailed grouse surveys were completed within two miles of the Project Area from March 29 – May 9, 2023, in accordance with NDGFD survey methodology recommendations. The survey documented eight leks within the Project area and one additional lek with the two-mile buffer. Homestead plans to site turbines to avoid untilled and replanted grassland within 2 miles of a lek, to the extent practicable.

**Avian Studies:** Homestead conducted avian use studies at 42 points between February 2023 and January 2024, in accordance with the USFWS WEGs and ECPG, to inform spatial and temporal use of the Project Area by birds throughout the year. No federally listed species were observed during the 483 hours of surveys completed. Ten birds of particular concern were observed, all of which are also North Dakota Species of Conservation Priority. Seven golden eagle and no bald eagle observations were recorded during surveys; there were two incidental bald eagle observations. Avian use studies were paused after January 2024 based on the recent release of the 2024 Eagle Rule by USFWS, so that Homestead can evaluate regulatory compliance with the new rule.

Raptor nest studies were conducted from March 13 – April 24, 2023, in accordance with the USFWS Region 6 Guidelines. No bald or golden eagle nests were documented within the Project Area or 2-mile buffer. No additional surveys are planned until the Project timeline is closer to construction.

**Other:** NDGFD indicated that the Project was well sited south and east of the wetland basins primarily used by waterfowl. NDGFD requested Homestead to send a shapefile of the current Project boundary so that an initial recommendation letter can be provided to Homestead.

Action Items:

- Homestead to provide shapefiles for initial recommendation letter (attached to this email)
- As discussed and agreed upon, Homestead will complete additional surveys as outlined on slide 22.
- Homestead to schedule a follow-up meeting with NDGFD and USFWS once results are available for future studies.

## Attachment 1: Power Point Presentation



# Homestead Wind Project

Agency Meeting



April 9, 2024

# Agenda

- Project Introduction
- Tiers 1& 2, Stage 1 Review
- Tier 3, Stage 2 Studies Completed to Date
- Discuss Next Steps

## Goals

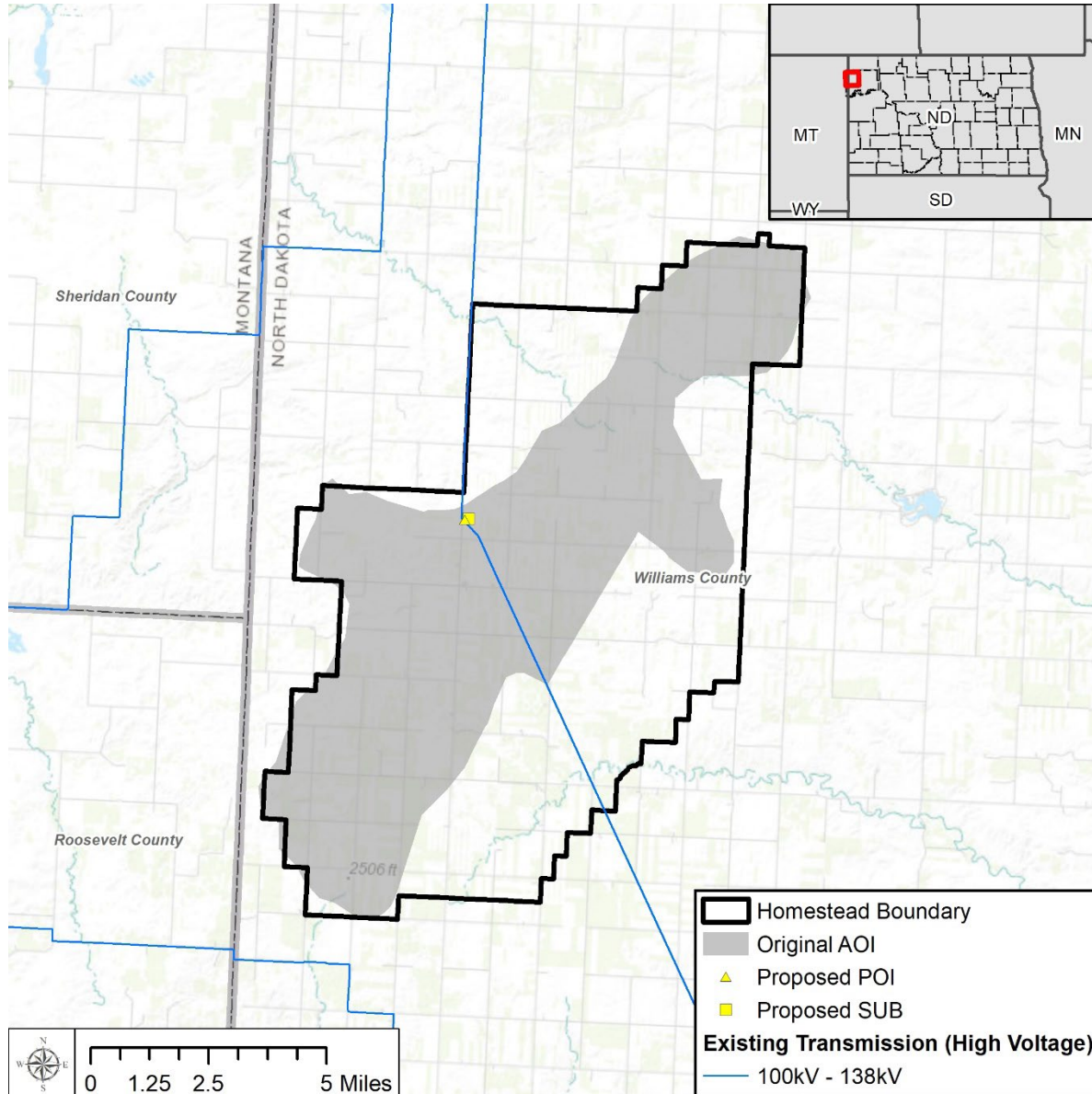
- USFWS, NDGFD, and Apex coordination per the WEGs
- Agency input on Tier 3, Stage 2 Study Plan



# Business Confidentiality/FOIA Exemption

- Importance of sharing data and open collaboration
- Information exchanged between Apex, USFWS, and NDGFD is exempt from release under FOIA Exemption 4 if the information is:
  - (a) commercial or financial
  - (b) obtained from a person, and
  - (c) privileged or confidential
- Information contained herein is Confidential Business Information
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  - Held confidential by Company
  - Contains confidential business information valuable to the Company
- Promotes transparent, open coordination and communication

# Project Overview



## Project Capacity and Details

Up to 255MW

## Commercial Operations

2027 COD Target

## Project Drivers

Community and landowner support

Strong and proven wind resource

Interconnect into the Strandahl to Black Tail transmission line - no additional overhead lines anticipated

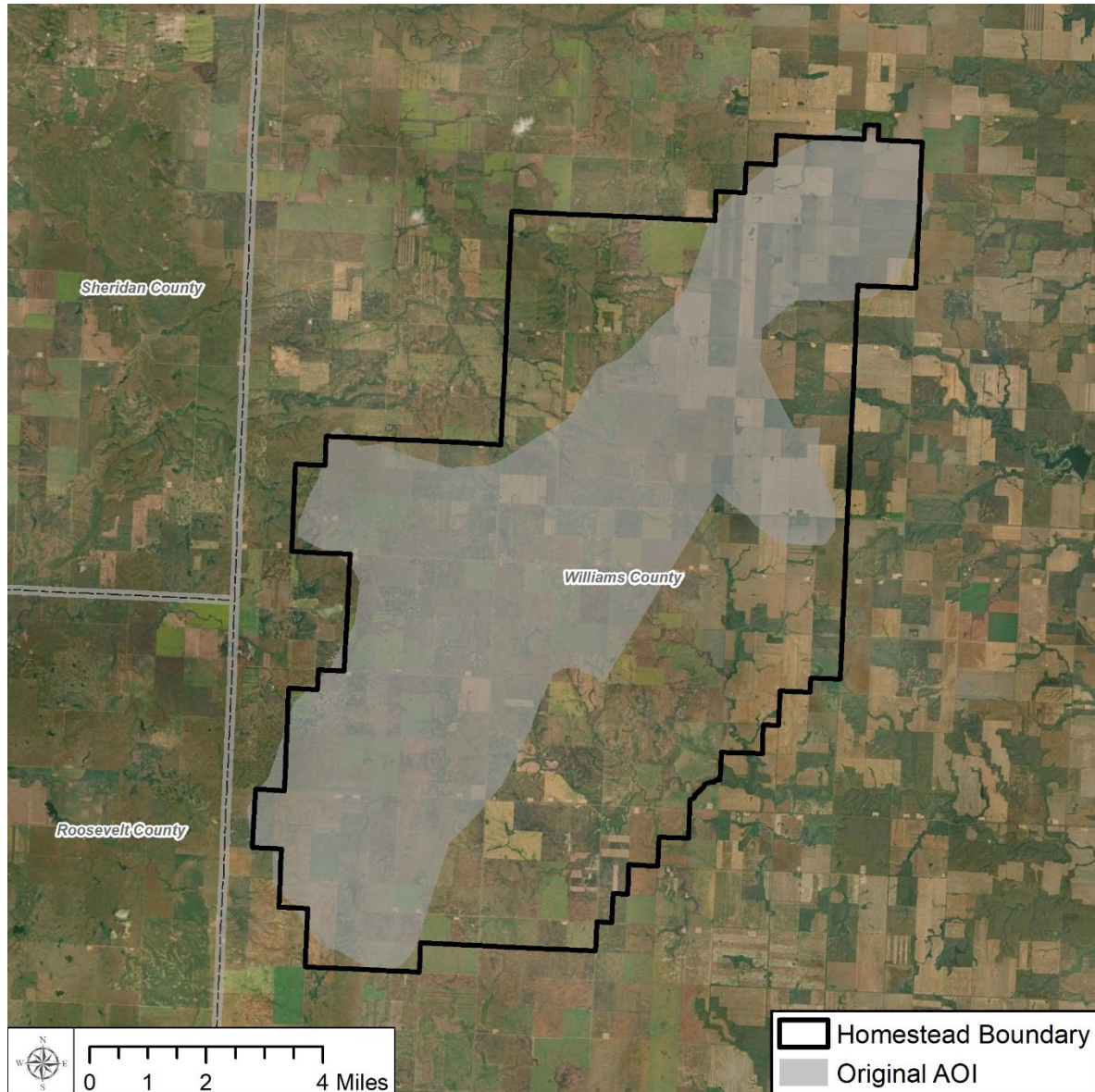
## Project Status

32,000 acres signed so far

Tiers 1 & 2, Stage 1 reviews complete

Tier 3, Stage 2 surveys initiated

# Tier 1 & 2 and Stage 1 Reviews



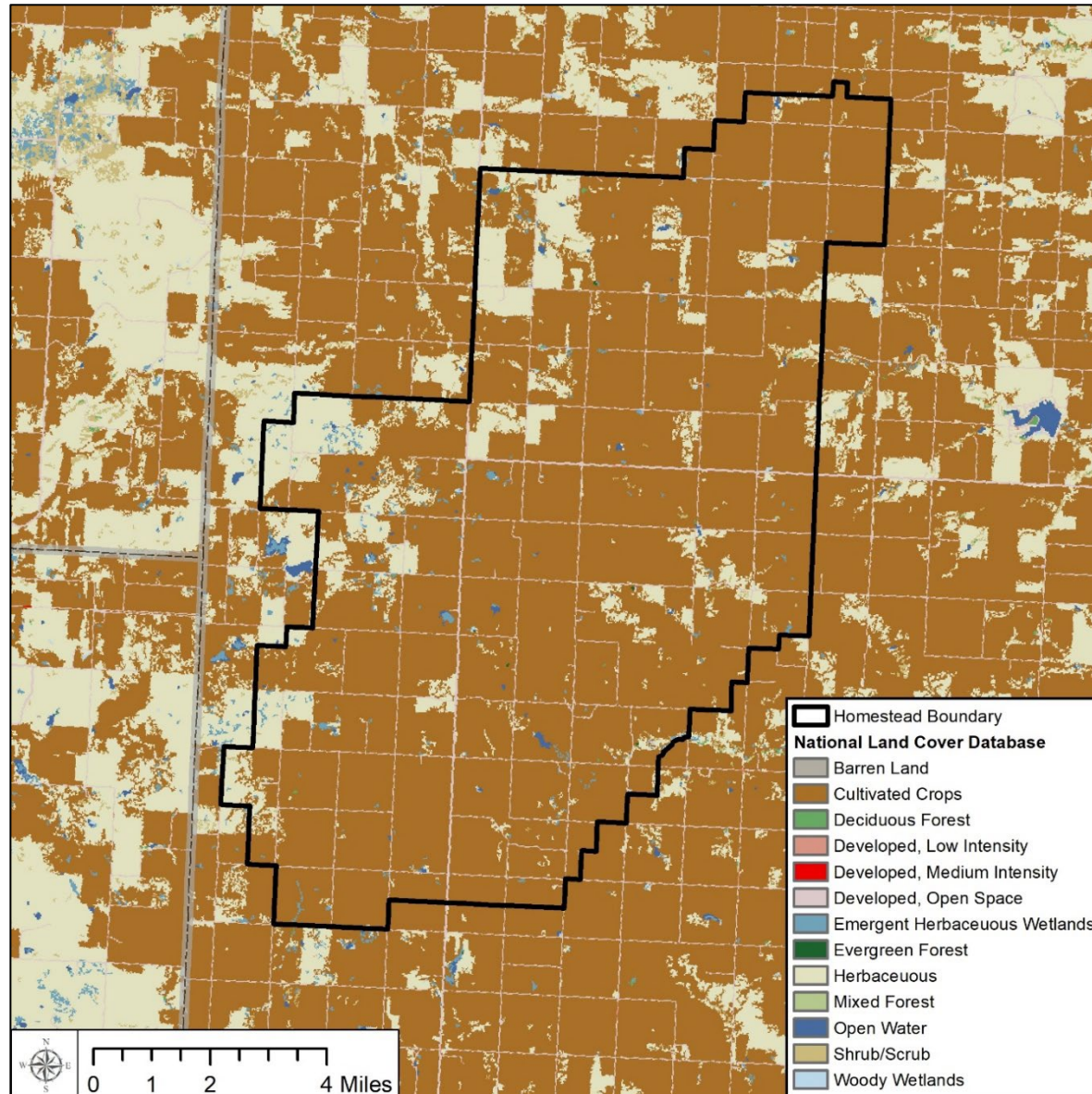
## Methods

- Tier 1 - Landscape level habitat assessment for species of concern per USFWS Wind Energy Guidelines (WEGs)
- Tier 2 - Site Characterization: species likelihood, habitat, concentration areas, etc., via review of existing data sources

## Data Sources Used

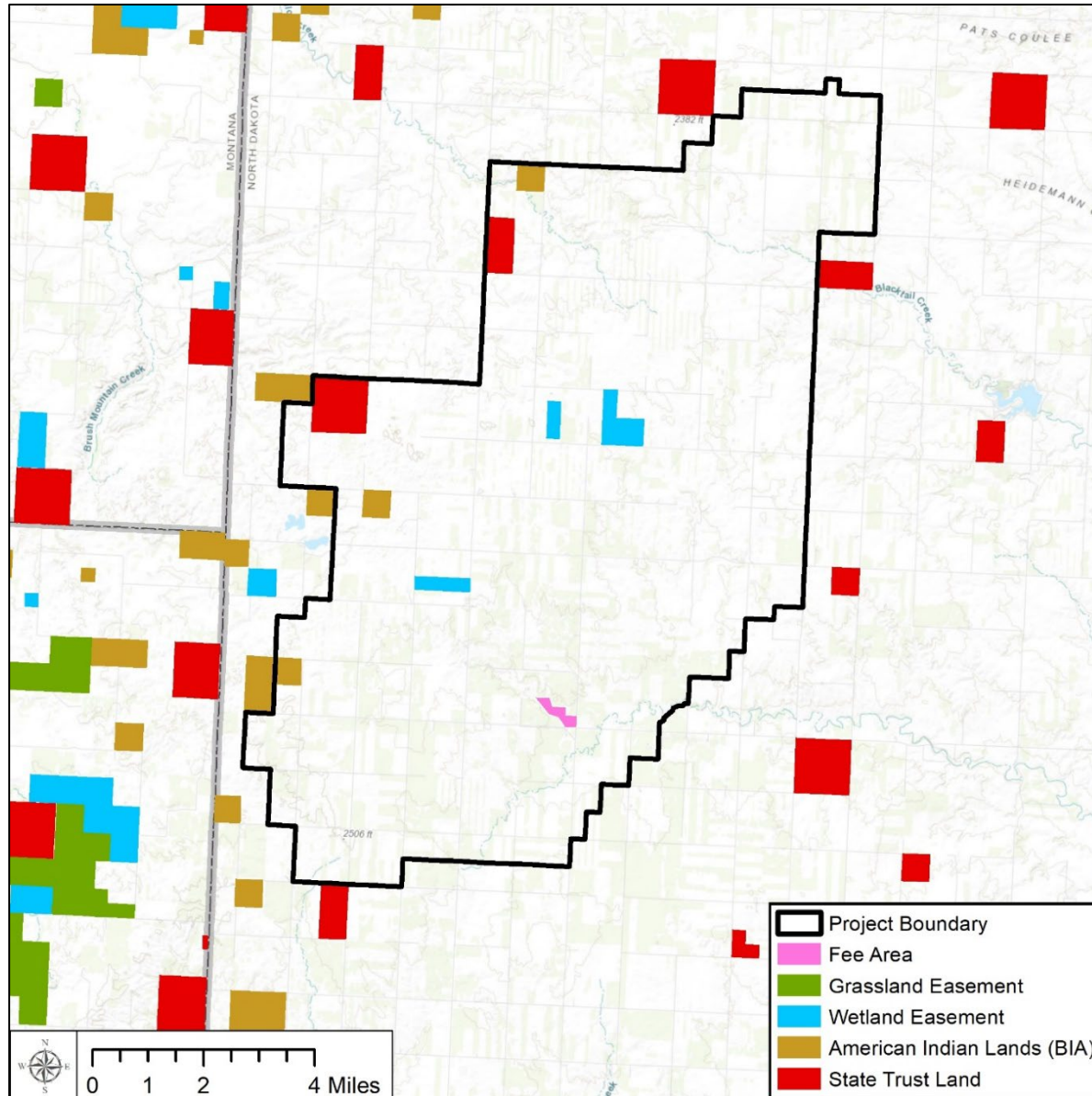
- USFWS IPaC
- USFWS Whooping Crane Sightings
- NDGF Unbroken Grassland Areas
- AWWI Landscape Assessment Tool
- Audubon Important Bird Areas, eBird, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, USGS Breeding Bird Survey, Hawk Migration Association of North America, Audubon Christmas Bird Count
- National Wetland Inventory database and National Hydrography Dataset
- Protected Areas Database of the U.S. (PADUS)

# Topography/Land Use



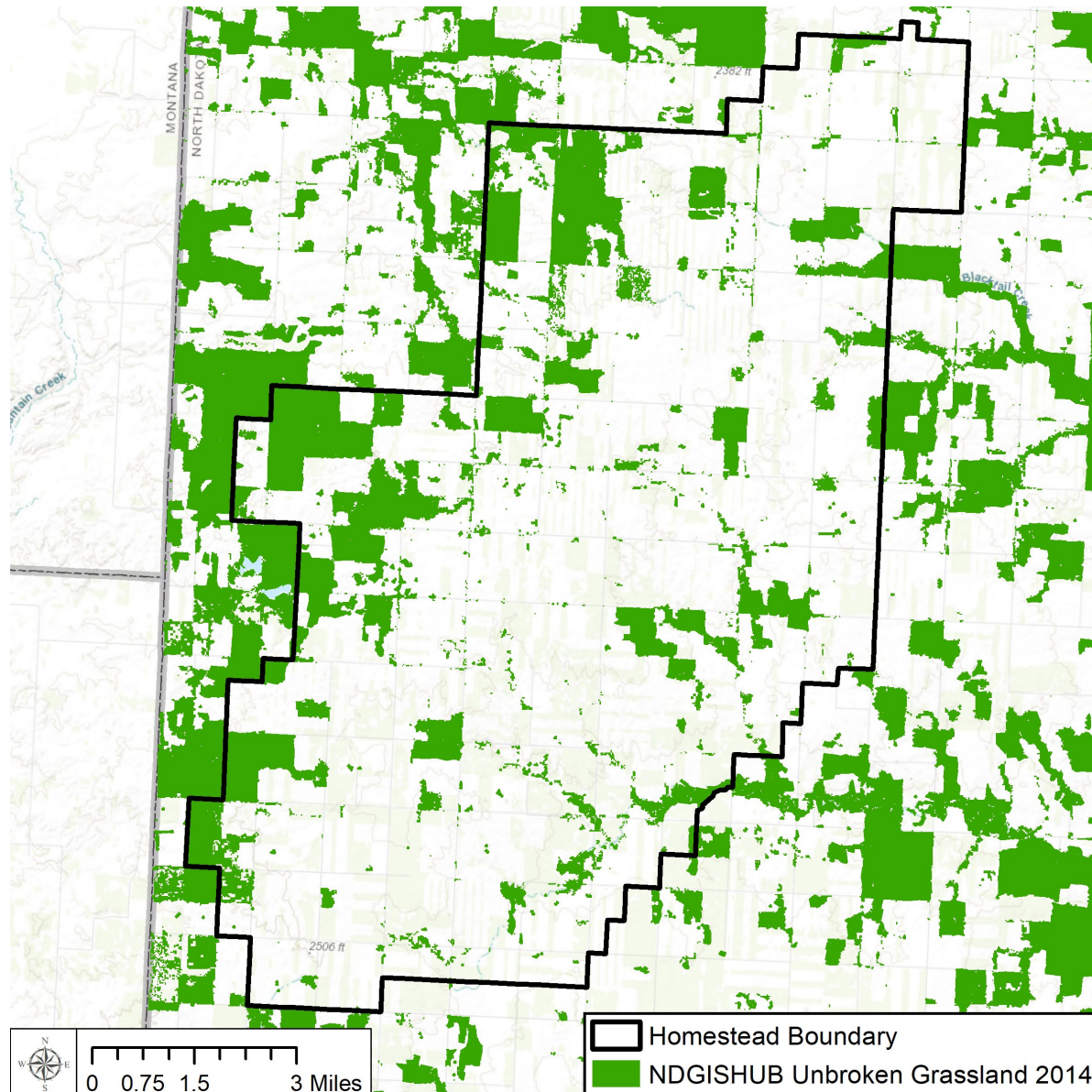
- Habitat is dominated by cultivated crops (83%) followed by herbaceous rangeland (12%)
- Minimal wetlands and larger waterbodies within the Project boundary
- Minimal forested areas (woody wetlands, deciduous, mixed forest) within Project boundary (0.15%)
- Gently rolling topography typical of the region
- Project will be designed to minimize grassland impacts to the maximum extent practicable

# Protected and Conservation Areas



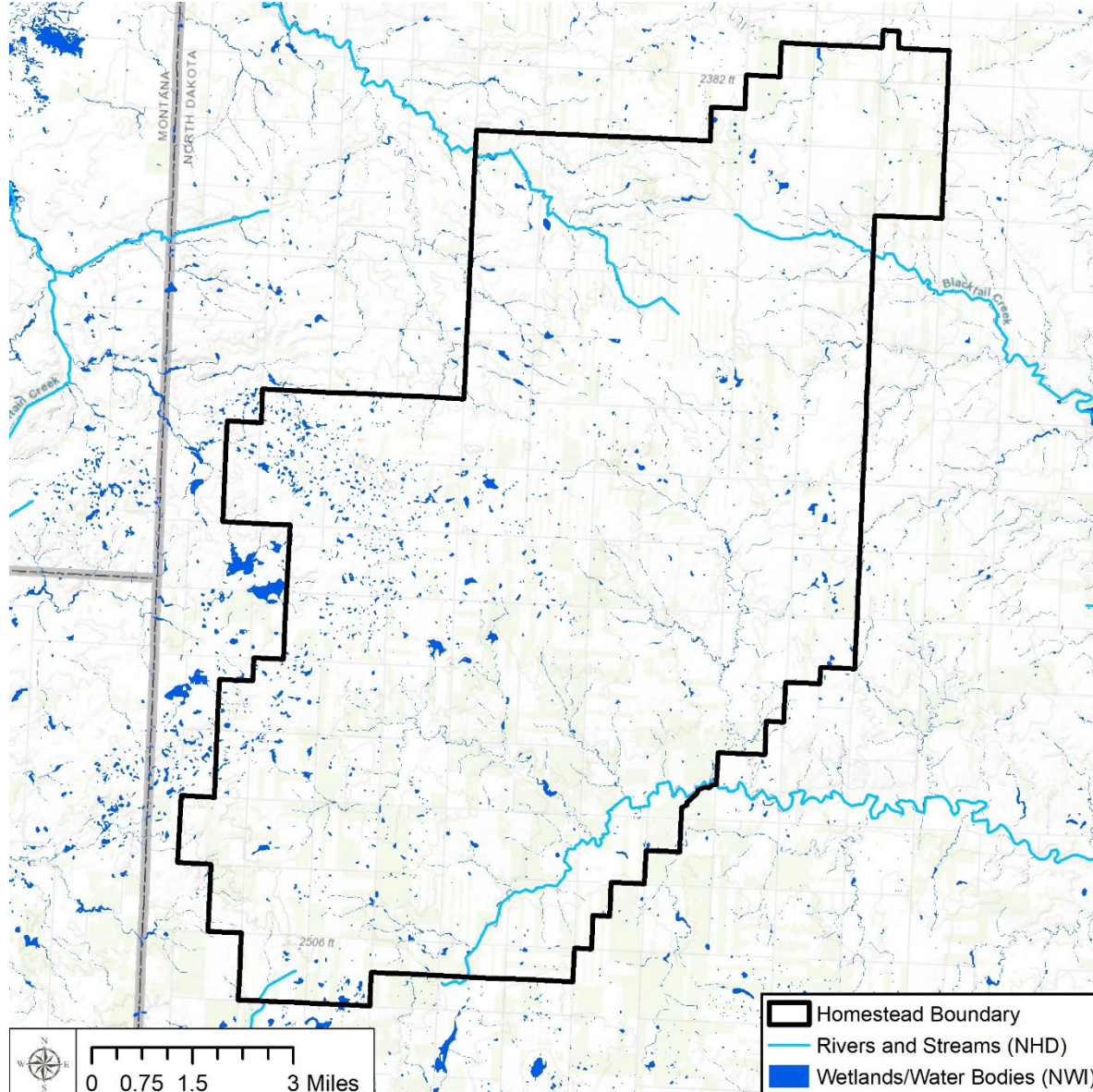
- Project sited to avoid important conservation lands
- No Audubon IBAs within ~10.6 miles - closest one is Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge to the west-northwest
- USFWS Fee Land and Easements more concentrated outside Project boundary
  - No grassland easements within current boundary
  - Wetland basins within wetland easements within boundary will be avoided
- Facilities will be designed to avoid BIA and state trust lands

# Native Grassland Conservation Areas



- Mapped intact native grasslands within Project boundary
- Project will be designed to focus to avoid and/or minimize impacts to these features
- Siting of project infrastructure will be focused in tilled agricultural habitats to extent practicable

# Waterbodies and Wetlands



- Minor intermittent drainages present
- Project will be designed to avoid/minimize impacts to waterbodies and wetlands to the extent practicable
- Boundary avoids larger waterbodies located west of the Project

# Federally Listed Species Potentially Occurring in Project Area

Species	Status	Potential to occur	Comments
Northern long-eared bat	FE	Unlikely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary habitat includes forested riparian areas</li> <li>• Limited summer habitat on-site, no known hibernacula in ND</li> </ul>
Piping Plover	FT	Unlikely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inhabits sandy beaches, sparsely vegetated shores and islands of shallow lakes, rivers, impoundments</li> <li>• Very limited potential habitat within Project boundary</li> </ul>
Rufa Red Knot	FT	Unlikely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breeds in dry tundra areas. Found primarily in intertidal, marine habitats, esp. near coastal inlets, estuaries, and bays.</li> <li>• Rare migrant in ND</li> </ul>
Whooping Crane	FE	Possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project within migration corridor</li> <li>• Water features within and around Project</li> </ul>

Sources: *IPaC*, accessed April 2024.

- Anticipated low risk to federally listed species due to lack of habitat within Project boundary and with proper siting and BMPs

# Birds of Conservation Concern

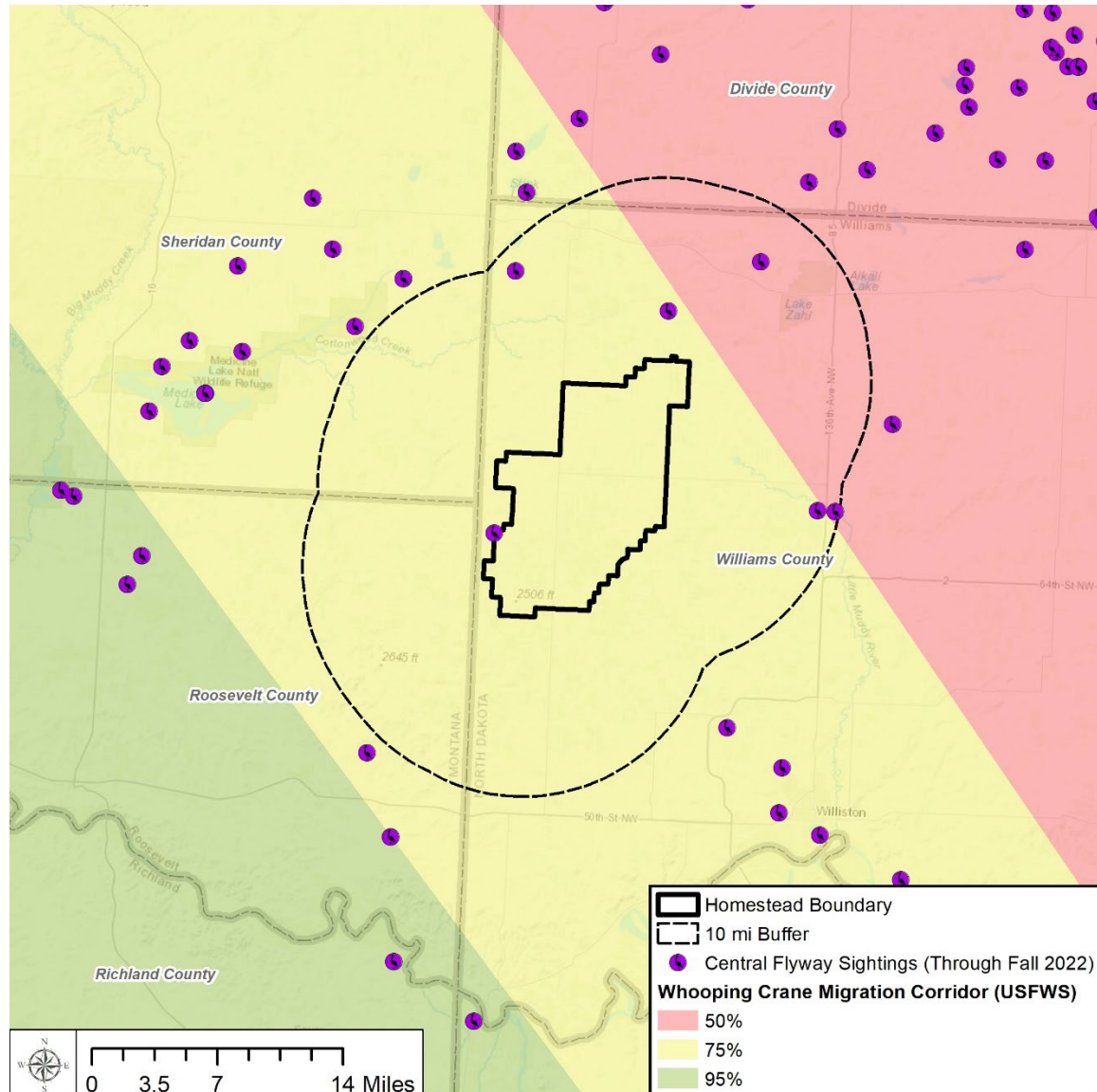
Marsh/Waterbodies	Grassland
Golden Eagle (yr)	Bobolink (b)
California Gull (b)	Chestnut-Collared Longspur (b)
Franklin's Gull (b)	Northern Harrier (b)
Lesser Yellowlegs (m)	Sprague's Pipit (b)
Marbled godwit (b)	
Pectoral sandpiper (m)	
Western grebe (b)	
Willet (m)	

b = breeding, w = wintering, yr = year round, m = migrating

Source: USFWS IPaC search of Project Boundary. (April 2024) <https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/>; Cornell All About Birds

- BCC likely to occur at low levels
- Intact grassland and waterbodies will be avoided to the extent practicable

# Whooping Crane

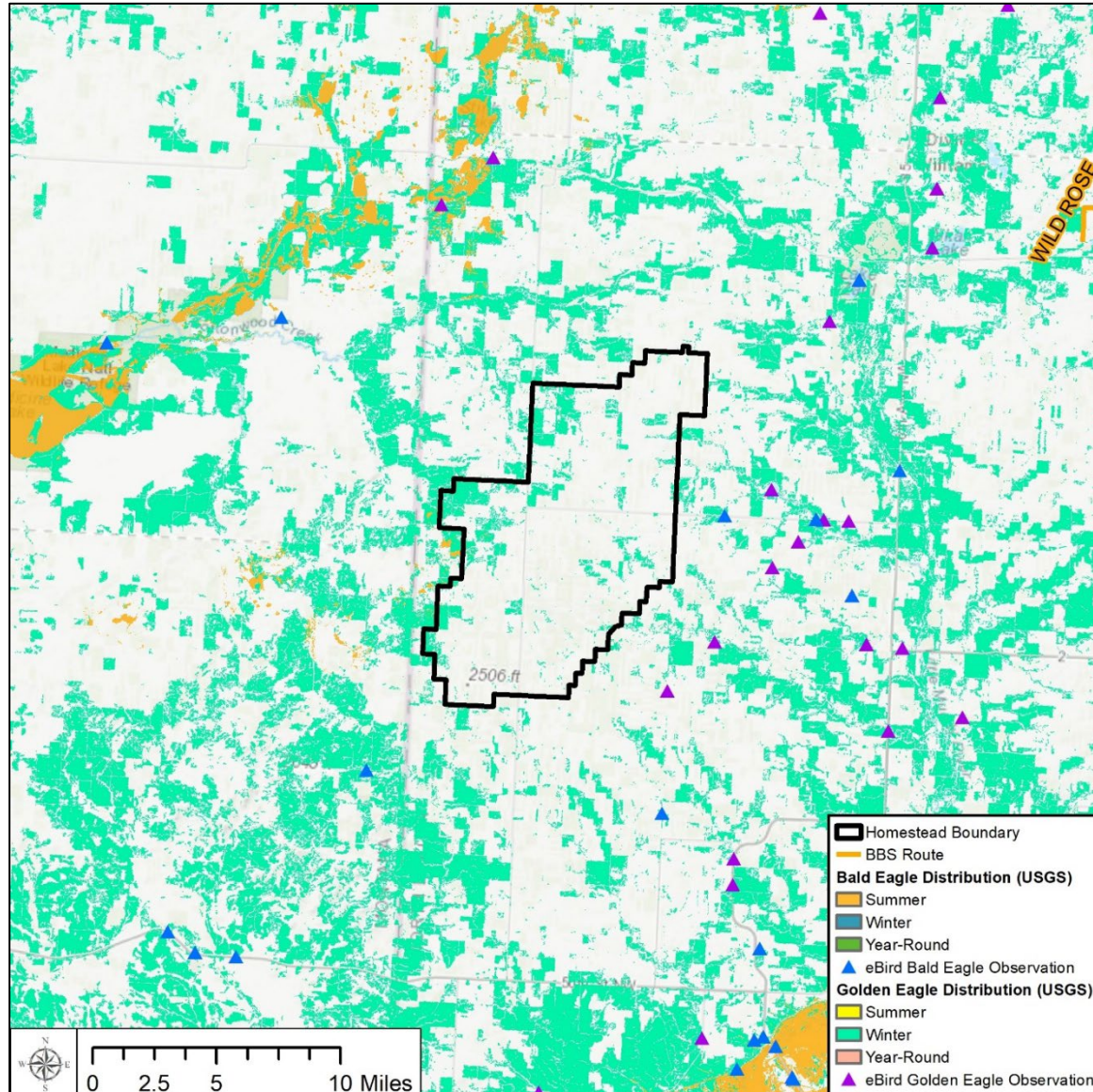


- Project located within migration corridor; currently solely located within the 75% band
- Five WHCR observations documented within 10 mi of Project boundary
- One WHCR observation located on the western Project boundary; observation from 1983

## Response

- Document potential presence during avian use surveys
- Include BMPs recommended for Discovery Project

# Eagles



## AWWI Landscape Assessment Tool

- Project near modeled distribution for BAEA; within modeled winter habitat for GOEA

## eBird Data (2012-2022)

- No GOEA or BAEA records within Project boundary

## Wintering

- No known winter roosts or concentration sites within or in proximity to the Project
- No CBC routes in proximity to Project boundary

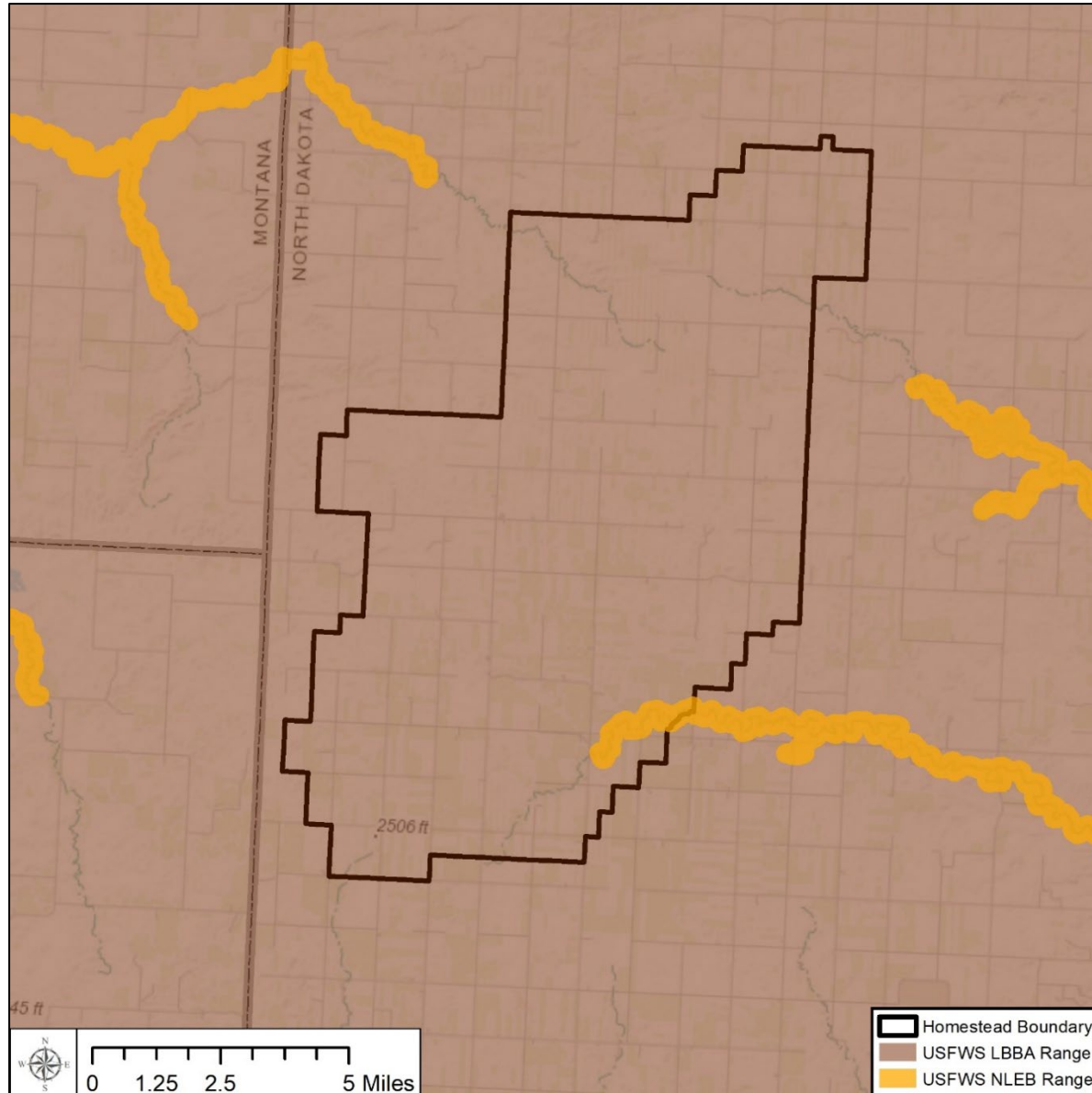
## Breeding Bird Survey Data (2002-2022)

- No BBS in proximity to Project boundary

## Response

- ECPG-level nest and use surveys planned to evaluate risk and inform siting
- Project area is within both general and specific permit zones

# Listed Bats



## Project within NLEB and LBBA ranges

- No known records of occurrence within Project boundary

## Hibernacula

- No known hibernacula within or in proximity to Project area

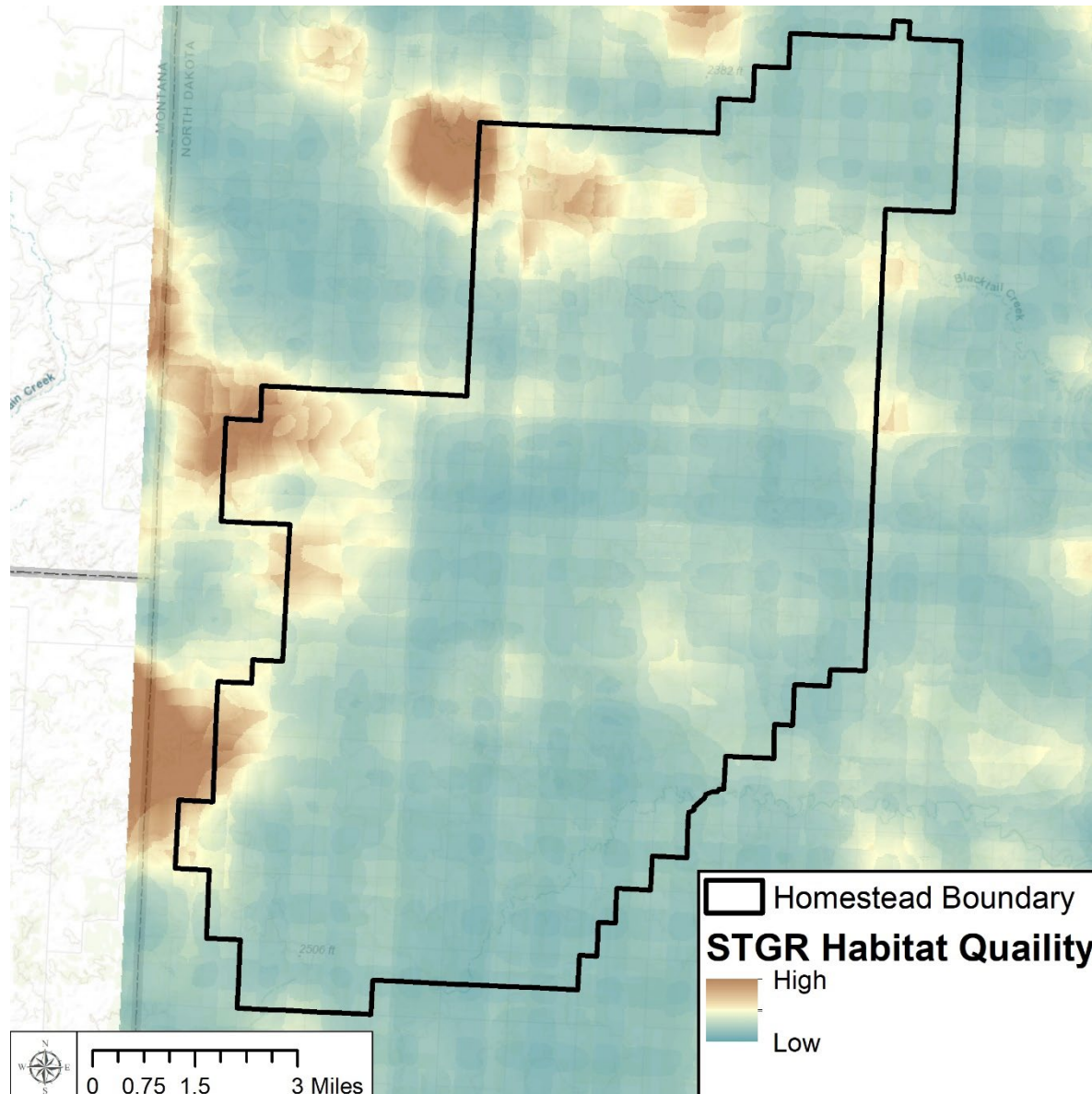
## Summer Roost/Maternity colonies

- Limited forested areas onsite to concentrate bats; woody wetlands, deciduous, mixed forest combined is 0.15%
- No known maternity roosts within or in proximity to Project area

## Response

- Conduct a habitat assessment for federally-listed bats to inform Project design

# Prairie Grouse



## Project within Grouse Habitat Range

- Within primary range for sharp-tailed grouse
- Suitable habitat primarily larger intact native grassland tracts; most of Project is low quality habitat

## Response

- Focused lek surveys planned to inform siting

# Tier 1 and 2, Stage 1 Summary

## Federally/State Listed Species

- NLEB - potential summer presence/migration risk
  - Desktop habitat assessment planned to identify potential forested summer habitat to inform siting and minimize summer risk; no other surveys currently planned

## Eagles

- BAEA use of Project likely, GOEA less likely
- ECPG-level use and nest surveys planned to assess risk and inform Project design and/or permitting

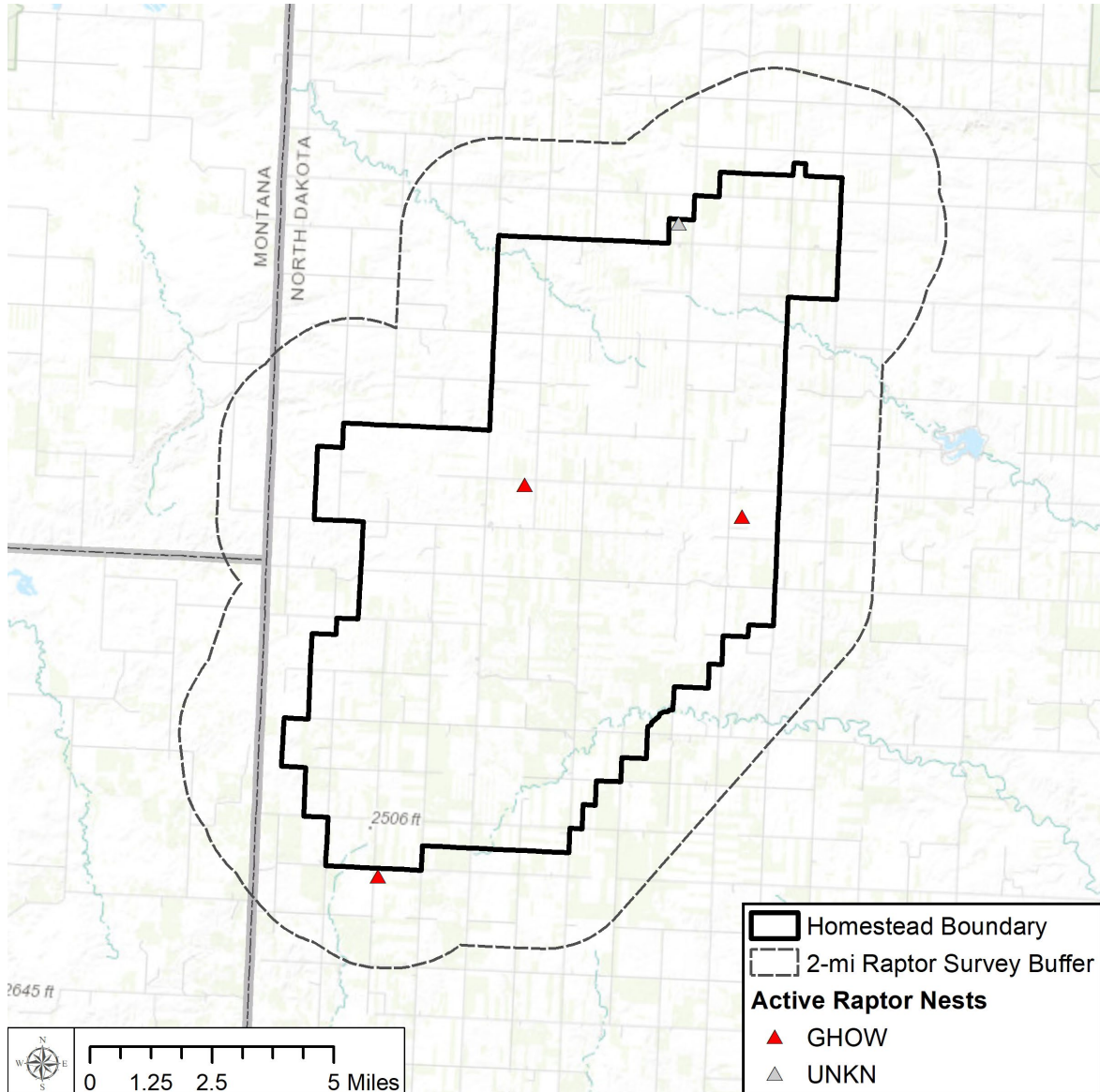
## Prairie Grouse

- STG use of project likely given presence of suitable habitat
- Lek survey planned to inform siting

## General Avian

- BCC expected in low numbers; low risk anticipated
- Raptors - no obvious concentrating features, low risk to common species anticipated
- Avian use and raptor nest surveys planned to assess risk and inform Project design

# Raptor Nest Surveys



## Methods

- Completed March 13 through April 24, 2023
- A series of ground-based and aerial surveys per USFWS Region 6 Guidelines
- All raptor and eagle nests within Project area + 2.0-mi radius

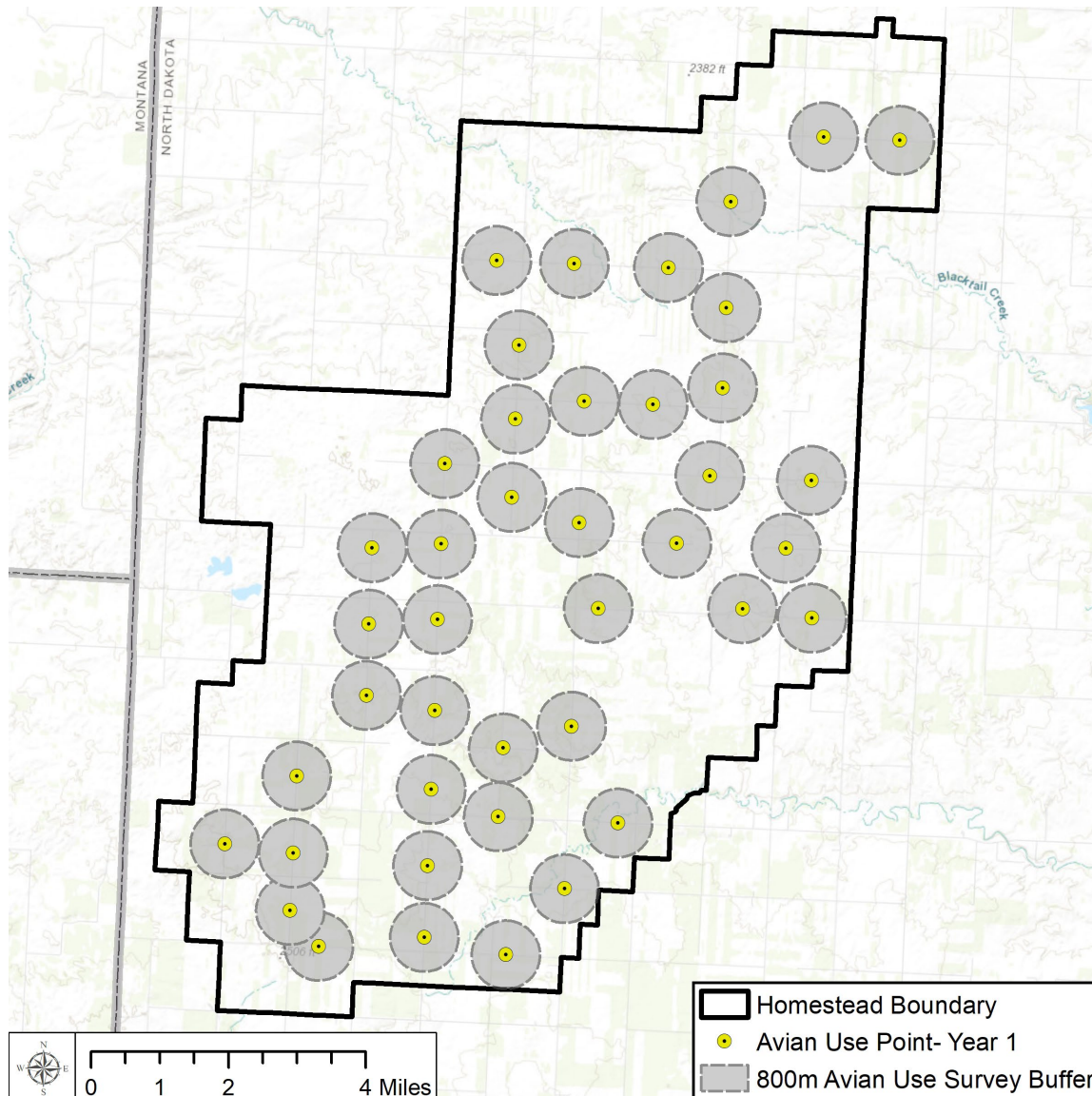
## Results

- No bald or golden eagle nests documented within the Project or 2-mile buffer
- 4 active raptor nests (3 GHOW, 1 UNKN) within Assessment Area

## Summary/Response

- Due to limited nesting habitat, unlikely for BAEA or GOEA nesting in Project Area
- Limited nesting habitat, common species
- No additional surveys planned at this time

# 2023-2024 Avian and Eagle Use Surveys



## Methods

- February 2023 - January 2024
- 42 points, 1x/mo
  - 10 min 100-m radius for all small birds
  - 60 min 800-m radius, all large birds (including eagles)

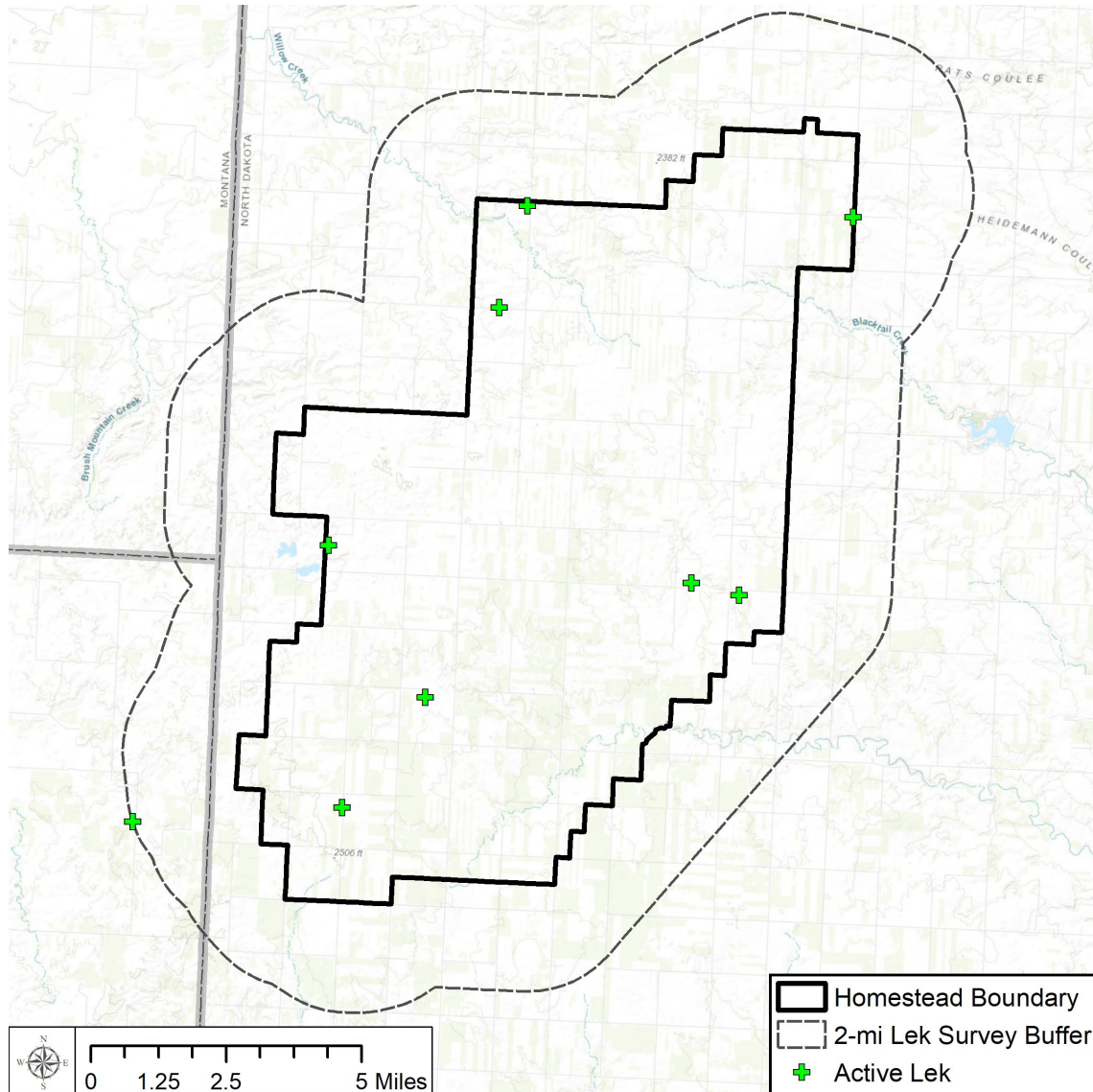
## Results

- 483 hours of surveys completed
- No fed-listed species, 10 BOPC observed, of which all 10 are ND SCP species
- 7 GOEA obs within 800 m and flying below 200 m w/in current Project boundary, 2 incidental BAEA observations
- sandhill crane 33.4% obs, snow goose 23.7% obs, and Canada goose 12.2% obs

## Summary/Response

- Generally anticipated low risk to federally and state SCP species based on data collected to date
- Considering general vs specific permit options

# Sharp-tailed grouse (STGR) Lek Survey



## Methods

- STGR lek surveys: March 29 - May 9, 2023
- Three rounds of ground-based surveys within 2 miles of Project boundary
- Survey methodology followed NDGFD recommendations

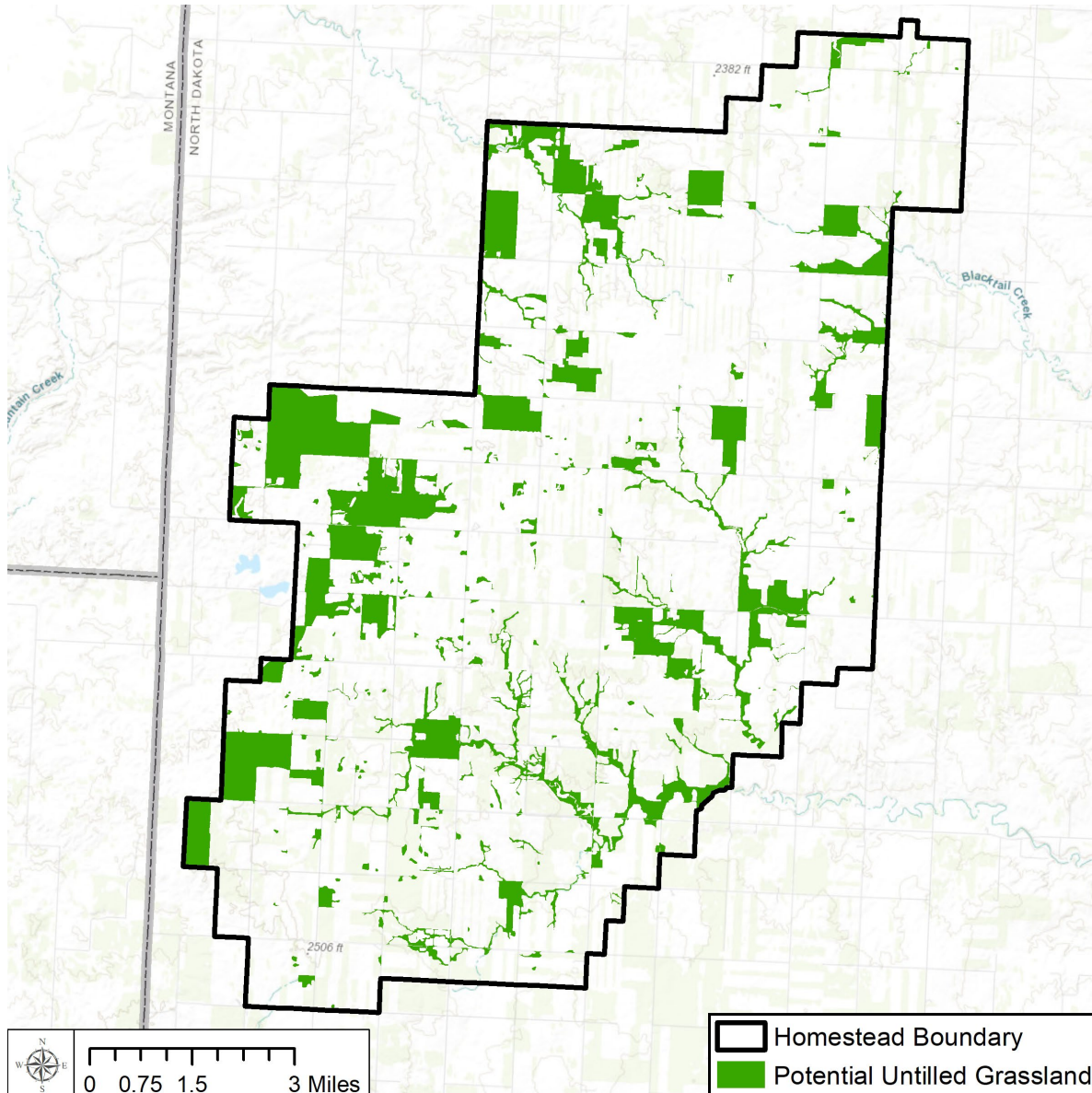
## Results

- 8 loks within the Project Boundary, 1 within the 2-mile buffer

## Summary/Response

- STGR lek locations fluid
- Turbines will be sited to avoid untilled and replanted grassland within 2 miles of a lek to extent practicable, field grassland surveys planned to verify
- No additional surveys planned or warranted
- BMPs implemented as warranted

# Grassland Assessment



## Methods

- A desktop review of the North Dakota Native Habitat layer, as well as digital soil data and aerial photos to identify potentially undisturbed (i.e., untilled) grasslands within the Project area

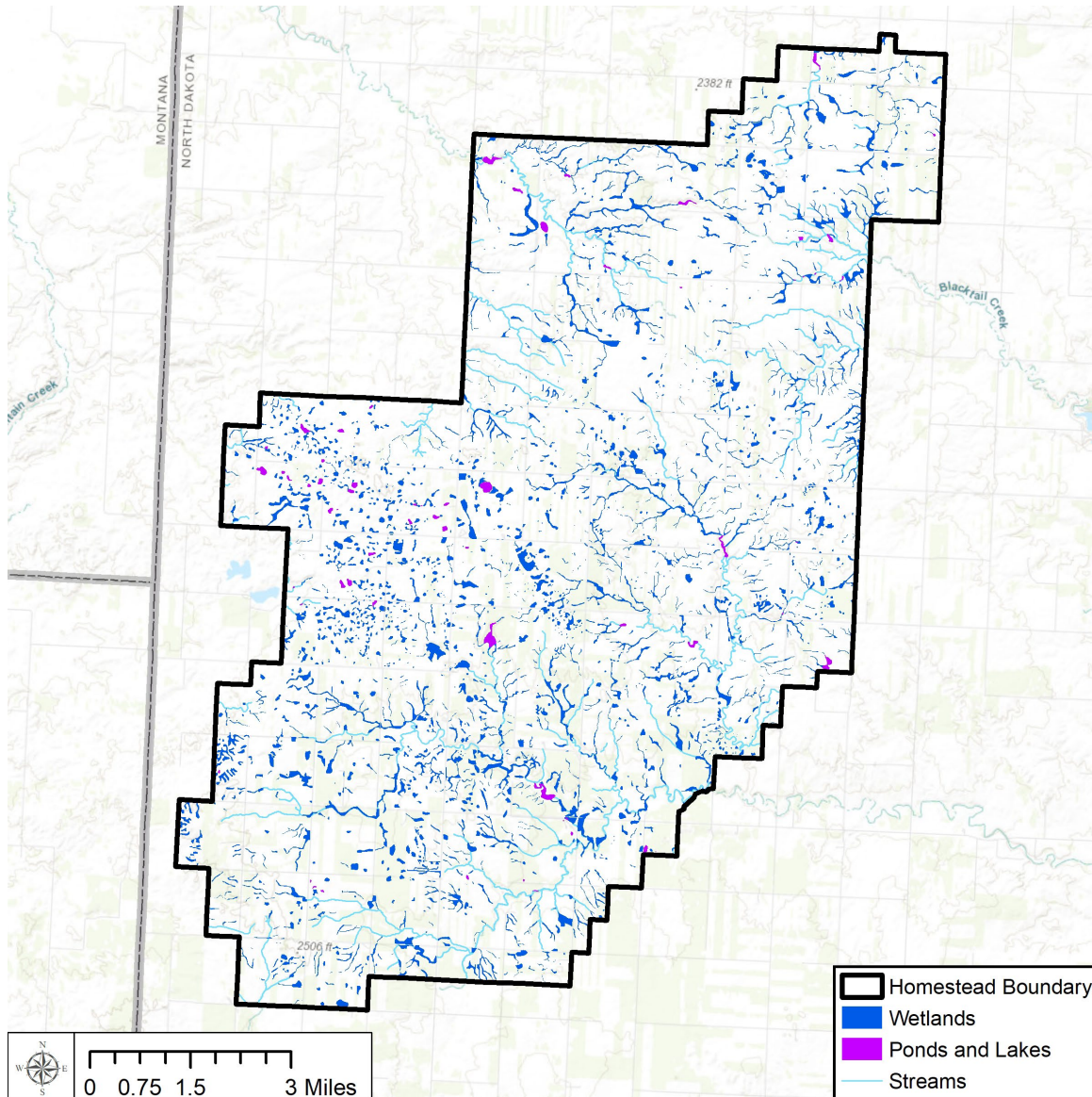
## Results

- Desktop assessment confirmed potential for 9,370 ac of untilled grassland in current Project area

## Summary/Response

- Field surveys to verify results of desktop assessment to be completed in spring 2024
- Project facilities will be sited to avoid untilled grassland to the greatest extent possible

# Aquatic Resources Assessment



## Methods

- Aerial interpretation of wetlands, streams, ponds, and lakes within the Project area

## Results

- Desktop assessment confirmed potential for 4,500 ac of wetlands, 200 ac of ponds/lakes, and 110 mi of streams in current Project area

## Summary/Response

- Field surveys to verify results of desktop assessment to be completed when project facility siting is more defined
- Project facilities will be sited to avoid wetlands to the greatest extent possible

## Tier 3/Stage 2 Studies Overview

Study Type	Study Period	Status
Raptor Nest Survey	October 2023	Complete
Grassland Desktop	February 2023	Complete
Wetlands Desktop	June 2023	Complete
Grouse/Lek surveys	February 2024	Complete
Avian Use yr 1	Feb 2023 - Jan 2024	Complete
Grassland Survey	Summer 2024	Planned

### Additional Potential Future Studies

- Additional field studies on hold pending results of grassland field survey

# Summary of Findings To Date

## Federally-Listed Species

- No federally listed birds documented to date (incl WHCR; low risk of impact)

### Response

- Coordination with USFWS on HCP for WHCR

## Avian

- Low raptor nesting density, common species, limited nesting habitat, low risk of impact
- BAEA and GOEA use warrants management and siting consideration
- Active STGR leks confirmed during 2023 surveys

### Response

- Complete additional ECPG level raptor nest surveys and avian use surveys as warranted
- Consider general or specific permit options

## Untilled Grassland

- Desktop study completed

### Response

- Complete field verification surveys in summer 2024

# Next Steps

## 2024

- Grassland field work surveys
- Determine viability of project

## Apex Goals and Commitments

- Complete additional coordination with USFWS and NDGFD to detail results of ongoing surveys and site turbines to avoid and minimize impacts to wildlife

# Contact

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**USDA NRCS**



August 19, 2025

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Matt Eberl  
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Dear Mr. Eberl:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has reviewed your letter dated July 14, 2025, received by NRCS on July 24<sup>th</sup> regarding the potential 256.5-megawatt Homestead Wind Project in Williams County, North Dakota.

#### Farmland Protection Policy Act

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 when a federal funding source is utilized. It appears the 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. The 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.

*Helping People Help the Land*

If you have additional questions pertaining to FPPA, please contact Lance Duey, Assistant State Soil Scientist, NRCS, Bismarck, North Dakota, at (701) 530-2109.

Sincerely,

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**BLM**

**From:** [McKenzie, Chelsie J](#)  
**To:** [Matt Eberl](#)  
**Subject:** 256.5-megawatt Homestead Wind Project in Williams County, North Dakota  
**Date:** Thursday, July 24, 2025 10:21:15 AM

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Matt,

We have received and reviewed the notice, it does not appear any BLM managed lands will be effected by this project and we have no comment. If anything changes please update us. Please note if any minerals such as sand or gravel is removed or utilized for the project, there may need to be a federal authorization in place. There are some federal minerals located in the project area.

**Chelsie McKenzie**  
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# **ND Aeronautics Commission**

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**Date:** Tuesday, August 19, 2025 1:53:37 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
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Good afternoon, Mr. Eberl.

My name is Grant Erwin, airport planner with the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission (NDAC). You recently informed us of Homestead Wind's proposed NDPSC project, a proposed wind energy generation facility in Williams County. Attached is the proposal as we received.

Currently, NDAC has no comments regarding the proposed project area. We monitor airspace surrounding our local public airports and study any possible obstructions or structures that could pose a safety risk to pilots navigating the surrounding airspace. The closest public airport to the project area is Williston Basin International Airport. The project area at its closest boundary sits approximately 6.85 nautical miles to the NNW of the Williston airport. This project would not have any significant impacts on the airspace surrounding the airport.

If you haven't already, I highly recommend contacting the airport authority mentioned above. Please share project information with them. I also recommend contacting the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as well, to keep them informed of the project and proposed wind turbine locations as the project progresses. I have listed my best contacts for each entity below.

- Williston Basin International Airport: Anthony Dudas, Airport Director
  - [Anthonyd@ci.williston.nd.us](mailto:Anthonyd@ci.williston.nd.us)
  - 701-875-8594
- FAA: Mark Holzer, Program Manager
  - [Mark.holzer@faa.gov](mailto:Mark.holzer@faa.gov)
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Best Regards,

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Airport Planner

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Hi all. Signed copy is attached and thanks on behalf of Homestead Wind.

Regards,

-Ryan

Ryan Henning  
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**Subject:** RE: Homestead Wind - Proposed Mitigation - draft mitigation MOU  
**Importance:** High

Sarah

Thanks for your patience. Greatly appreciated.

I was able get on the Commissioner's calendar today and brief him on our combined efforts.

Attached is the MOU, signed by Commissioner Goehring – it's the signed version of the attached word doc we previously worked on together. The Commissioner made no changes to it.

Please have Ryan sign it on behalf of Homestead and return back to me and Adam.

Let us know if you need any additional information.

Once again, we look forward to continuing partnering with you!

All the best,

Dutch

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Sarah

Thanks for your email – just got back from D.C. and I’m still catching up.

I hope to have the MOU signed early next week. I’ll keep you posted.

Have a great weekend!

All the best,

Dutch

**J.P. “Dutch” Bialke**

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Good Morning Dutch,  
Hope all is well in Bismarck! Wanted to check in with you and see if you were able to connect with the Commissioner regarding the Homestead MOU?  
Thank you so much for your time.  
Cheers,  
~Sarah

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Sarah

Thanks for your quick response. I accepted all your edits. The version, with all edits accepted, is attached.

I'll present the attached draft MOU to the Commissioner for his review.

All the best,

Dutch

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Good Morning Dutch and Adam,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide suggested edits on the MOU. The attached version has our edits in track change. The only significant request we have is to mirror the payment timeframe to the same as Bowman. If you want to talk that through or have questions on anything, please let me know.

Thank you for accommodating our tight schedule and working with us on this. It will be a huge milestone for the Project to have this MOU in place!

Cheers,

~Sarah

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Sarah

Attached is a draft MOU (mitigation) for the Homestead wind project. As you can see, I used the attached Bowman MOU as a template.

Please review and let me know what you think. Please provide any suggested edits/revisions/tweaks. Please use track-changes and return it back to me.

If possible, I hope to provide it the Commissioner on this Friday for his review, upon his return from overseas.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

All the best,

Dutch

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Hello Dutch,

Hope the Commissioner’s trip was successful, and he has a safe trip back!

Thank you so much for working on the MOU, much appreciated. Please holler if you need anything or have questions we can help with.

Cheers,

~Sarah

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Sarah

Thanks for the follow up email.

The Commissioner has been overseas on a trade mission for the past week and a half, and we anticipate his return back to the office on Friday.

We hope to have a sample proposed draft MOU to you this week, using your proposed contribution offer.

Thanks for your patience!

All the best,

Dutch

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Good Morning Dutch and Adam,  
Hope you are both staying warm up in Bismarck!  
Wanted to check in and see if you have any questions or need additional information as you review our proposed mitigation for Homestead Wind?  
Thank you as always for your time.  
Cheers,  
~Sarah

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Thank you, Sarah

Adam

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Good Morning Dutch and Adam,  
I apologize for my oversight on this but forgot to include the ND Game and Fish letter of support for the project yesterday; it is attached to this email. If you need anything else or have questions, please let me know!  
Thank you,  
~Sarah

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Hello Dutch and Adam,  
Thank you for your time to meet on January 7, 2026 to discuss the Homestead Wind

(Homestead) project. As a quick recap, Homestead plans to construct a wind project (Project) and an associated 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line (Transmission Line) in Williams County, North Dakota (collectively, the Project). The Project will have a nameplate capacity of up to 256.5-megawatts (MW), with up to 255-MW delivered to the grid. The Project will be located within an approximate 25,000-acre Project Area (Project Area), and the Transmission Line will be located along an approximate 850-foot-long route within the Project Area.

The current Project layout includes 81 turbine locations, which provides for at least 14 alternate turbine locations. A final turbine model has not been selected at this time. However, Homestead plans to select the most appropriate turbine technology for the Project to ensure cost efficiency and optimization of wind and land resources and in consideration of setback requirements and other constraints. Homestead will select one of two turbine models: either the Vestas V163 with a 4.5-MW nameplate capacity, or the GE 154 with a 3.8-MW nameplate capacity. If the Vestas V163 is selected, 57 turbines will be constructed; and if the GE 154 is selected, 67 turbines will be constructed.

Pursuant to Section 2-2-3(6) of the Williams County Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations, wind energy facilities and associated transmission lines located in the Agricultural District are conditional uses requiring a permit. Since the Project will be located within the Agricultural District, Homestead must obtain a conditional use permit (CUP) for the Project and a CUP for the Transmission Line. Homestead applied for a CUP for the Project in early November 2025. Subsequently, the CUP was approved by both the Williams County Planning and Zoning Board on December 18, 2025, and the Williams County Board of County Commissioners on January 6, 2026. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) also has jurisdiction over the Project. In accordance with the North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Ch. 49-22, Homestead must obtain a Certificate of Site Compatibility from the PSC for the Project. Homestead is currently planning to submit the application for the Certificate of Site Compatibility to the PSC in early February 2026.

The North Dakota Legislature enacted legislation in 2022 designating the North Dakota Department of Agriculture (NDDA) Commissioner (Commissioner) to implement and administer a mitigation program (Program) and accompanying environmental impact mitigation fund (Fund) for energy conversion and transfer facilities (North Dakota Century Code [NDCC] 4.1-01-21.1). Homestead is coordinating with the NDDA, and other agencies, to address potential environmental impacts of the Project prior to filing the PSC application. Homestead and the NDDA conducted meetings together to discuss

the Project on June 9, 2025, October 21, 2025, and January 7, 2026.

Pursuant to these meetings, Homestead plans to include mitigation as part of the Project, in the form of a voluntary contribution to the NDDA mitigation fund. Homestead has utilized the NDDA’s Wind Energy Mitigation Decision Analysis Tool (Tool) to determine the proposed contribution amount for the mitigation fund. This amount will vary, depending upon the turbine selected, as presented in Tables 1 and 2 below. The excel version of the Tool is attached for each of the turbine options as well, for full transparency so you can check our work on this.

After we met yesterday, I learned from our permitting team that they have been asked to expedite the PSC application process. I **know** this is asking a lot, but if there is any way we can get a letter of support from the NDDA by February 2, 2026, I will be extremely grateful. If there is any further information I can provide or if you have any questions, please reach out to me, Ryan, Scott, Matt or any of the folks on the Homestead team anytime.

Thank you again for your time and your continued partnership with us on the Homestead Project!

All My Best,  
~Sarah

**Table 1 – Vestas V163 Turbine Option, 57 Turbines**

<b>Wind Project Turbine Size &amp; Number</b>		
<b>Turbine Size</b>	<b>4.5</b>	MW
<b>Total Turbines</b>	<b>57</b>	
<b>Est. Nameplate Capacity</b>	256.5	MW
<b>Number of Turbines in Each Landscape</b>		
<b>Developed Landscape</b>	<b>57</b>	
<b>Mixed Landscape</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Natural Landscape</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Number of Turbines in Unbroken Grasslands</b>		
<b>Number of turbines</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Mitigation Planning Cost Inputs</b>		
<b>Land Type Cost Basis**</b>	<b>Cropland</b>	
<b>% Land Value</b>	<b>40</b>	%
<b>Mitigation Method†</b>	<b>Enhance</b>	

<b>Assumed Mitigation Goal</b>	<b>Similar</b>	
<b>OUTPUTS</b>		
<b>Direct Impacts (Permanent Footprint)</b>		
Entire Project	<u>55.9</u>	ac
Per MW	<u>0.22</u>	ac
<b>Combined Direct &amp; Indirect Impacts Due to Project</b>		
Construction & Operation "environmental debits"	<u>83.8</u>	
<b>Compensatory Mitigation Goal</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	
<b>Similar Habitat</b>	<b>\$ 278,707</b>	

Table 2 – GE 154 Turbine Option, 67 Turbines

<b>Wind Project Turbine Size &amp; Number</b>		
<b>Turbine Size</b>	<b>3.8</b>	MW
<b>Total Turbines</b>	<b>67</b>	
<b>Est. Nameplate Capacity</b>	254.6	MW
<b>Number of Turbines in Each Landscape</b>		
<b>Developed Landscape</b>	<b>67</b>	
<b>Mixed Landscape</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Natural Landscape</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Number of Turbines in Unbroken Grasslands</b>		
<b>Number of turbines</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Mitigation Planning Cost Inputs</b>		
<b>Land Type Cost Basis**</b>	<b>Cropland</b>	
<b>% Land Value</b>	<b>40</b>	%
<b>Mitigation Method†</b>	<b>Enhance</b>	
<b>Assumed Mitigation Goal</b>	<b>Similar</b>	
<b>OUTPUTS</b>		
<b>Direct Impacts (Permanent Footprint)</b>		
Entire Project	<u>65.7</u>	ac
Per MW	<u>0.26</u>	ac
<b>Combined Direct &amp; Indirect Impacts Due to</b>		

<b>Project</b>	
Construction & Operation "environmental debits"	<b>98.5</b>
<b>Compensatory Mitigation Goal</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>
<b>Similar Habitat</b>	<b>\$ 310,059</b>

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**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**between**  
**Homestead Wind, LLC.**  
**and**  
**The North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner**

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”), dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, is between Homestead Wind, LLC. (**Homestead**), a Delaware Limited Liability Company authorized to do business in North Dakota, and the North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner (Commissioner), acting on behalf of the State of North Dakota. The Commissioner and Homestead are jointly referred to as the “**Parties**”.

2. Since 2023, Homestead has been proactively considering voluntary potential environmental mitigation offsets related to the Homestead Wind Project (**Project**).

3. The Project is an up to 255-megawatt wind energy conversion facility to be located in rural Williams County, North Dakota. Apex plans to own, construct, and operate the Project. The Project is currently at a stage where Homestead will soon apply for a Certificate of Site Compatibility from the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC).

4. The current Project layout includes 81 turbine locations, which provides for at least 14 alternate turbine locations. A final turbine model has yet been selected at the time of the signing of this MOU. However, Homestead plans to select the most appropriate turbine technology for the Project to ensure cost efficiency and optimization of wind and land resources and in consideration of setback requirements and other constraints. Homestead will select one of two turbine models: either the Vestas V163 with a 4.5-MW nameplate capacity, or the GE 154 with a 3.8-MW nameplate capacity. If the Vestas V163 is selected, 57 turbines will be constructed; and if the GE 154 is selected, 67 turbines will be constructed.

5. By implementing proper siting practices, Homestead represents that the Project will have minimal adverse environmental impacts in accordance with North Dakota Century Code section 49-22-02. However, to address the possibility of any residual adverse environmental impacts that may result from the construction or operation of the Project, Homestead has proposed in good faith to provide voluntary mitigation offsets.

6. Homestead has elected to make a voluntary contribution to the Environmental Impact Mitigation Fund (**Fund**) administered by the Commissioner under North Dakota Century Code section 4.1-01-21.1 so that the Commissioner can develop and implement those mitigation offsets on behalf of Homestead.

7. Accordingly, Homestead will voluntarily:

If the Vestas 163 is selected with 57 turbines, contribute a total contribution of **two hundred seventy-eight thousand, seven hundred and seven dollars (\$278,707.00)** to the Fund pursuant to North Dakota Century Code section 49-22-09.2; or

If the GE 154 is selected with 67 turbines, contribute a total contribution of **three hundred ten thousand and fifty-nine dollars (\$310,059.00)** to the Fund pursuant to North Dakota Century Code section 49-22-09.2.

The respective contribution shall be used by the Agriculture Commissioner for the purposes provided in North Dakota Century Code section 4.1-01-21.1 and for the purpose of the protection and/or restoration of grasslands, wetlands, and other habitats as deemed appropriate. The respective dollar amount is voluntarily contributed by Homestead as a mitigation offset for potential conservation of habitat, as determined in coordination with the Commissioner.

8. The Commissioner recognizes Homestead's efforts to avoid and minimize adverse environmental impacts through Project and turbine siting as well as through its voluntary mitigation offsets for residual potential indirect environmental impacts.

9. This MOU, and all voluntary commitments made, are contingent upon two milestones:

Milestone 1: Selection of either Vestas 163 or GE 154, and Homestead filing a Notice of Intent to Start Construction of the Project with the PSC, and

Milestone 2: The Project becoming commercially operational.

10. Within thirty (30) days of Milestone 1, the Parties will determine the financial mechanism for Homestead to transfer the voluntary offset dollars into the Fund and consequently Homestead will transfer to the Fund a minimum of 50% of the total voluntary contribution as stated in paragraph 7.

11. At Milestone 2, Homestead will make the final financial voluntary contribution to the Fund, comprising the remainder of its voluntary contribution as stated in paragraph 7. Homestead, in its discretion, may make other payments of its voluntary contribution at other times between Milestone 1 and Milestone 2.

12. Between Milestone 1 and Milestone 2, the Commissioner will timely engage with a mitigation provider(s) to develop mitigation offset plans as to where and what offset mitigation actions will take place. Prior to Milestone 1, the Commissioner may, as appropriate, proactively engage in preliminary exploratory discussions with a mitigation provider(s). Homestead represents that it has proactively engaged in productive conversations with landowners in the vicinity of the Project, who may be willing to enter into conservation easements on working lands, and that Homestead will assist the Commissioner to coordinate with these landowners.

13. The Commissioner will notify Homestead of the use of the funds that were contributed by Homestead. The Commissioner will use the contributed funds for the purposes provided in N.D.C.C. section 4.1-01-21.1. In general, the Commissioner will use the contributed funds to:

- Establish, restore, enhance, and/or preserve grassland habitat;
- Enter into non-perpetual conservation easements/agreements for appropriate acreages on working lands, that are limited in time to the operational life of the Project (e.g., 30 year);
- Purchase proper seed mixes (such as diverse, native perennial grass/forb mix suited for site), and conduct proper restoration/protection measures, management, and maintenance of mitigation offset areas; and
- As practicable, conduct mitigation offsets within the general vicinity of the area, county, or region affected by the Project or within another suitable area of similar habitat within the State as approved by the Commissioner. No mitigation offsets may take place outside the State.

14. The Parties recognize that time is of the essence to implement the terms of this MOU. All mitigation offsets are expected to be delivered within 5 years after the attainment of Milestone 2, and following the completion of payments made as scheduled and described in paragraphs 7, 9, 10 and 11.

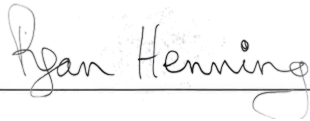
15. Mitigation offset efforts will be prioritized to take place on private land acreage with willing landowners who, as appropriate, will be compensated financially for the initial habitat establishment and for subsequent transition into appropriate use within their operations.

16. Homestead may reasonably modify financial mitigation offset estimates if unforeseen circumstances during construction result in significant Project changes (e.g., reduction or increase in turbine number or change in turbine locations). The Parties will coordinate together as to any substantial estimate modifications.

17. It fully is the intent of the Parties to work together in good faith to implement the terms of this MOU so that voluntary environmental mitigation offsets pertinent to this MOU can be established and maintained in a timely, efficient, and equitable manner. This MOU is effective on the date that it has been signed by both Parties.

MOU acknowledged and entered into on this 11 day of February 2026.

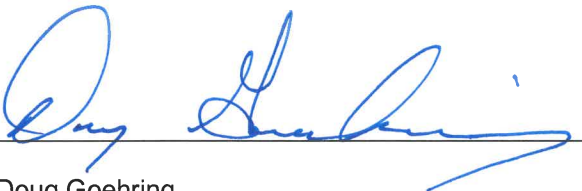
**Homestead Wind, LLC.**



Ryan Henning  
Sr VP Environmental Permitting

MOU acknowledged and entered into on this 10 day of February 2026.

**The State of North Dakota**



Doug Goehring  
North Dakota Agriculture Commissioner

**From:** [Sarah Sinsabaugh](#)  
**To:** [Bialke, Joseph P.](#); [Miller, Adam M.](#)  
**Cc:** [Jennie Geiger](#); [Pete Holmes](#)  
**Subject:** Homestead Wind - June 9th Meeting Notes and Project Boundary  
**Date:** Thursday, July 17, 2025 1:24:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [HOM\\_USFWS\\_NDGFDDDA\\_Summary\\_Notes\\_and\\_PPT\\_2025-06-09.pdf](#)  
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It was a sincere pleasure to meet both of you and we all look forward to continuing to work together on this Project! Please let us know if you have questions or would like to discuss anything further while you evaluate the Project for your comment letter.

If you could please confirm receipt given the size of this email I would appreciate it.

Best Always,  
~Sarah

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**RE: Attached document**

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**From** Matt Eberl <matt.eberl@apexcleanenergy.com>

**Date** Wed 8/13/2025 2:34 PM

**To** Jorgenson, Patti E. <pjorgenson@nd.gov>

Hello - Thank you for your e-mail. Our intent with the letter was to consult generally with the North Dakota Department of Human Services in advance of submitting a siting application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) for the Homestead Wind Project. We understand that the PSC sends its notices of siting application filings to the Department via [dhseo@nd.gov](mailto:dhseo@nd.gov), so have copied that e-mail in our response and attached our consultation letter. If you have any further questions, please let me know.

Matt Eberl

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**From:** Jorgenson, Patti E. <pjorgenson@nd.gov>

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 13, 2025 2:10 PM

**To:** Matt Eberl <matt.eberl@apexcleanenergy.com>

**Subject:** Attached document

Good afternoon,

DHHS Economic Assistance does not have information concerning the project outlined in the attached document nor know what department you are hoping to send this too. Is there an agency within DHHS you were hoping to contact?

## ***Patti Jorgenson***

Customer Support Center Supervisor

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Hello Elisha,

I am so sorry, I just realized I did not ever acknowledge receipt of this letter. Thank you so much for sending it over to us!

Looking forward to continuing to work with you on this project.

Best Always,

~Sarah

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**To:** Sarah Sinsabaugh <sarah.cromie@apexcleanenergy.com>  
**Cc:** Isakson, Patrick T. <pisakson@nd.gov>  
**Subject:** Proposed Homestead Wind Project

Hi Sarah,

Attached is our letter on the proposed Homestead Wind Project. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

**Elisha Mueller**  
*Conservation Biologist*

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July 28, 2025

Sarah Sinsabaugh  
Apex Clean Energy  
120 Garrett Street, Suite 700  
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RE: Proposed Homestead Wind Project, Williams County, ND

Dear Sarah:

Thank you for your July 10<sup>th</sup> letter, updating the North Dakota Game and Fish Department (Department) on the proposed Homestead Wind Project. The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide input on the project's minimization and avoidance efforts.

In this letter, Homestead Wind committed to several avoidance and minimization measures.

- Project facilities will be designed to avoid impacts to all USFWS wetland basin easements. In the event that full siting avoidance is not possible, Homestead Wind will work with USFWS to determine appropriate next steps to ensure regulatory compliance.
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As previously discussed, North Dakota's remaining tracts of unbroken prairie are essential to many declining resident and migratory species. This habitat supports 62 Species of Greatest Conservation Need and 55 Species of Greatest Information Need identified in the Draft North Dakota State Wildlife Action Plan (North Dakota Game and Fish Department, 2025). Grassland dependent species are on the decline, such as the state bird of North Dakota, the Western Meadowlark, has decreased by approximately 48% globally. Further, many pollinators are experiencing

similar trajectories. The monarch butterfly has declined by over 80% since the 1990s. The loss and fragmentation of native prairie in the project area may further negatively impact these declining species, making avoidance and minimization efforts a necessary priority.

Furthermore, wetlands are another productive wildlife habitat in North Dakota, supporting 39 Species of Greatest Conservation Need, 18 Species of Greatest Information Need, and a considerable number of waterfowl, shorebirds and cranes throughout the year. The grassland-wetland mosaic of North Dakota is often referred to as the “Duck Factory” for its high-quality nesting habitat and the vast number of ducks produced. Therefore, it’s important to prioritize protecting this productive habitat for both its local and national importance.

Homestead Wind’s commitment to avoiding sensitive habitats, such as unbroken grasslands, wetlands, and areas important to declining species, such as Sharp-tailed Grouse leks, is a crucial first step in siting development in a manner least impactful to wildlife. As we continue to address the challenges of stemming the decline of our state’s most sensitive species, it is vital we continue to minimize the disturbance, fragmentation, and loss of the remaining high value habitats essential to Species of Greatest Conservation Need.

The Department looks forward to working with you to continue this commitment to responsible development through the entire planning and development process. When negative impacts cannot be avoided, the Department continues to stress the importance of offsetting these unavoidable impacts by following the best available science in determining impacts and voluntary offsets. The best science addressing North Dakota resources are Loesch et al. 2013, Shaffer and Buhl 2016, and Shaffer et al. 2019; these papers should be used to help guide Apex in understanding impacts and developing a voluntary offset package, if one is deemed appropriate. For further guidance on estimating grassland impacts, there are also resources on the NDGFD website, which can be found at:  
<https://gf.nd.gov/sites/default/files/publications/ndgf-desktop-approach-grasslands-2021.pdf> .

As Apex moves forward with this project, the Department requests to remain informed. To accurately analyze the project and provide valuable feedback to the PSC, it is important that the Department receives all documents, including wildlife surveys, spatial data, a Wildlife Conservation Strategy (WCS or BCS), and any voluntary offsets being proposed 100 days prior to the hearing date.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. We hope to remain informed as the project moves forward.

Sincerely,



Bruce Kreft  
Chief, Conservation and Communications Division

CC. Luke Toso, USFWS  
Steven Kahl, ND PSC

**From:** [Mueller, Elisha K.](#)  
**To:** [Sarah Sinsabaugh](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Homestead - Project Update and Collaboration  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 16, 2025 11:01:00 AM

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Thank you, Sarah, this works. We are unfortunately able to receive zipped files as a safety precaution, so it can make sharing this a bit cumbersome.

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2025 3:57 PM  
**To:** Mueller, Elisha K. <ekmueller@nd.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Homestead - Project Update and Collaboration

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Hello Elisha,

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Thank you,

~Sarah

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2025 4:53 PM  
**To:** Mueller, Elisha K. <[ekmueller@nd.gov](mailto:ekmueller@nd.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Homestead - Project Update and Collaboration

Hello Elisha,

Attached please find the requested letter to start your review and comment process. Also attached please find kmz and shp files of the current Homestead Project Boundary. I sincerely appreciate your time and assistance and look forward to working together further on this project.

Please let me know you received this email.

Best Always,

~Sarah

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**Sent:** Monday, July 7, 2025 10:58 AM  
**To:** Mueller, Elisha K. <[ekmueller@nd.gov](mailto:ekmueller@nd.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Homestead - Project Update and Collaboration

Good Morning Elisha,

You're ears must have been ringing, we were talking about getting the shape file to you for the Homestead boundary on Thursday last week! Will absolutely get a letter like this over to you, I will aim for the end of this week.

Also, our permitting team is gearing up to send official request for comment letters as part of the PUC permitting process, and that request goes to all involved agencies, including y'all. You can use your same response for both requests, just wanted to give you a heads up so you know why you are getting two requests for comments from us on this.

Thank you very much for your time and assistance!

Best,  
~Sarah

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**Sent:** Monday, July 7, 2025 10:11 AM  
**To:** Sarah Sinsabaugh <[sarah.cromie@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:sarah.cromie@apexcleanenergy.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Homestead - Project Update and Collaboration

Hi Sarah,

I know Apex was hoping I could provide a letter, similar to the one we sent for Discovery, so I am currently trying to work on something now. However, our previous letter was in response to the



July 10, 2025

Ms. Elisha Mueller  
North Dakota Game & Fish Department  
100 N E Bismarck Expy  
Bismarck, ND 58501

RE: Homestead Wind Project - Proposed Minimization and Avoidance Measures

Dear Ms. Mueller:

As we have discussed previously, Homestead Wind, LLC (Homestead Wind) is in the process of developing up to 256.5 megawatts (MW) of new wind energy generation in Williams County, North Dakota (Project). The Homestead Wind Preliminary Project Area encompasses approximately 25,009 acres within Williams County; however, it is anticipated that only approximately 85 acres will be impacted by aboveground Project facilities.

The Project's permanent facilities will include:

- 81 potential turbine locations (inclusive of spare locations), with up to 67 turbines and associated equipment constructed;
- New gravel access roads and improvements to existing roads;
- Underground electrical collection and communication lines;
- An operations and maintenance facility;
- A Project substation;
- An Aircraft Detection Lighting System and related equipment (subject to Federal Aviation Administration approval); and
- Up to three permanent meteorological towers and/or Power Performance Testing towers and associated LiDAR units; and
- An overhead generation interconnection tie line.

The Project's temporary facilities will include:

- Staging/laydown areas for construction activities;
- Batch plants;
- Temporary improvements to existing roads, including driveways, for transport and access during construction; and
- Crane paths to be used during construction.

In developing the Preliminary Buildable Area for the Project (i.e., the locations where turbines may be sited), Homestead Wind applied the setbacks required by county and state regulations as well as recommendations from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and North Dakota



Game and Fish Department (NDGFD). The resulting Preliminary Buildable Area is shown on the attached map.

Specific to USFWS and NDGFD recommendations, Homestead Wind provides the following summary of wildlife and habitat considerations based on the results of desktop assessments and field-based surveys:

- Two years of raptor nest surveys have been completed for the Project; there are no active eagle nests within the Project Area or a 2-mile buffer surrounding the Project Area.
- One year of avian use surveys has been completed for the Project and the second year will be completed in fall of 2025. No federally listed species have been identified within the Project Area as of June 2025.
- USFWS National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) wetlands data was used for setbacks from wetlands; these are avoided and are not included in the Preliminary Buildable Area. Wetlands not present on the NWI maps that are within the Preliminary Buildable Area were delineated.
- Native prairie grasslands within the Project Area have been mapped by qualified prairie botanists.
- Two years of sharp-tailed grouse lek surveys (2023, 2025) have been completed for the Project. No active leks are present within the Project Area.
- A desktop assessment for potentially suitable summer habitat (forested areas of 10 acres or greater) was completed for northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*; MYSE) and the little brown bat (*Myotis lucifugus*; MYLU). The assessment identified no potentially suitable forested summer habitat for MYSE or MYLU within the Project Area.

Based on the above summary of wildlife and habitat assessment results to date and the Preliminary Buildable Area shown on the attached map, Homestead Wind commits to the following minimization and avoidance measures for the Project. These measures will also be incorporated into the Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy which will be provided to USFWS and NDGFD prior to submittal of an application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

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In conjunction with preparing the NDPSC application, we are seeking input from your agency regarding the above proposed avoidance and minimization measures and the efforts of the Project to site turbines appropriately within the Preliminary Buildable Area. We welcome any comments your agency may have at this time and throughout the permit application process. Any written agency comments provided in response to this letter will be incorporated into the NDPSC's review process.

If you require further information or have questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (916) 549-4171 or [sarah.sinsabaugh@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:sarah.sinsabaugh@apexcleanenergy.com).

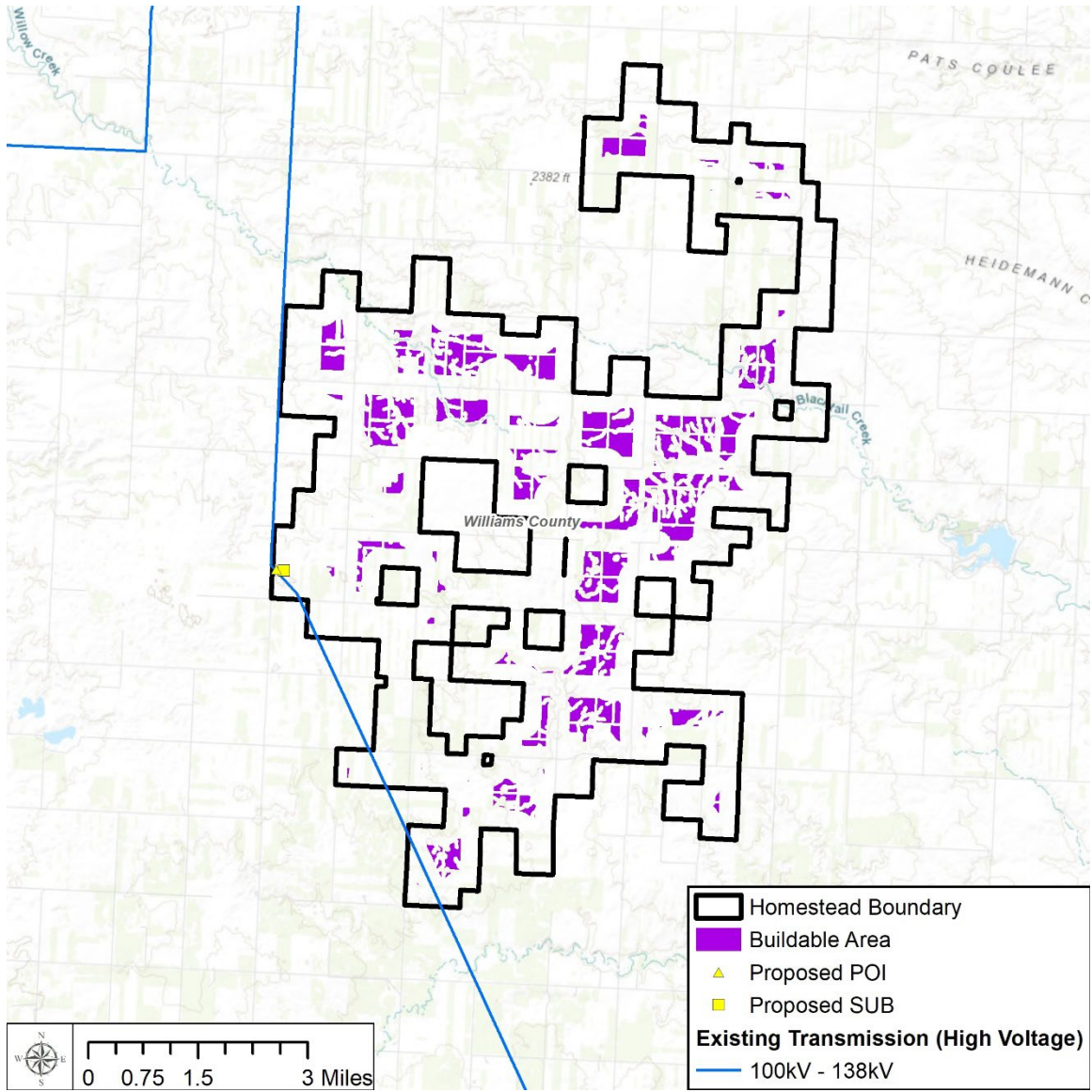
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Sinsabaugh", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sarah Sinsabaugh  
Senior Environmental Permitting Manager  
Homestead Wind, LLC

Enc. Preliminary Project Buildable Area Map

# Preliminary Project Buildable Area Map



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Sarah,

Just wanted to acknowledge receipt of the files and to confirm the confidentiality of the material.

Thank you,

**Patrick Isakson**  
*Conservation Supervisor*

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Hello Again Elisha and Patrick,

I was remiss in not marking this communication Business Confidential. As we discussed during the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting please treat our communication including the meeting notes, PPT, and Project Boundary as Business Confidential.

Thank you,

~Sarah

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**To:** [Sarah Cromie](#)  
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Received. Thank you.

*Michael L. Szymanski*  
*Supervisor, Migratory Game Bird Management*  
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Hello Elisha and Mike,  
Attached please find the meeting summary. Please let me know if you received this, thank you!  
~Sarah

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Good Morning Elisha and Mike,

No apology needed! Thank you for the response and glad you were able to access the file through Box.

Best,  
~Sarah

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Hi Sarah,

Sorry for the delayed response, I have been out in the field. We are unable to receive zipped files. I was able to access the files through the box link though.

Thank you.  
Elisha

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**Subject:** RE: Homestead Wind - Meeting Summary

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Hi again,

Sorry for so many emails on this! Looks like your system did not like the zip file. I just sent a link directly from our Box site, this is the link

<https://apexcleanenergy.box.com/s/fze5tv9vkeyuq7rhdor03ckqo977r4j> as well. Please let me know if you have any issues accessing the file.

Thank you,

~Sarah

SARAH CROMIE  
Senior Environmental Permitting Manager

Apex Clean Energy  
cell: 434-270-3131

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**From:** Sarah Cromie

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 17, 2024 9:31 AM

**To:** 'ekmueller@nd.gov' <[ekmueller@nd.gov](mailto:ekmueller@nd.gov)>; 'mszymanski@nd.gov' <[mszymanski@nd.gov](mailto:mszymanski@nd.gov)>

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**Subject:** RE: Homestead Wind - Meeting Summary

Hello Elisha and Mike,

Attached please find the project boundary file. Please let me know if you received this, thank you!

~Sarah

SARAH CROMIE  
Senior Environmental Permitting Manager

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**From:** Sarah Cromie

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 17, 2024 9:17 AM

**To:** [ekmueller@nd.gov](mailto:ekmueller@nd.gov); [mszymanski@nd.gov](mailto:mszymanski@nd.gov)

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**Subject:** FW: Homestead Wind - Meeting Summary

Hello Elisha and Mike,

Attached please find the meeting summary. Please let me know if you received this, thank you!

~Sarah

SARAH CROMIE  
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**To:** [ekmueller@nd.gov](mailto:ekmueller@nd.gov); [mszymanski@nd.gov](mailto:mszymanski@nd.gov)  
**Cc:** Jennie Geiger <[jennie.geiger@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:jennie.geiger@apexcleanenergy.com)>; Pete Holmes <[pete.holmes@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:pete.holmes@apexcleanenergy.com)>  
**Subject:** FW: Homestead Wind - Meeting Summary

Hello Elisha and Mike,

I just received an autogenerated notification that the message I sent below was blocked. I am guessing this is because the files I sent were too large or not an approved type. I will try sending each of the files separately to you both now, if they don't go through I can set up a Box account where you can grab them.

Thank you,  
~Sarah

SARAH CROMIE  
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**From:** Sarah Cromie  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 17, 2024 9:11 AM  
**To:** [ekmueller@nd.gov](mailto:ekmueller@nd.gov); [mszymanski@nd.gov](mailto:mszymanski@nd.gov)  
**Cc:** Jennie Geiger <[jennie.geiger@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:jennie.geiger@apexcleanenergy.com)>; Pete Holmes <[pete.holmes@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:pete.holmes@apexcleanenergy.com)>  
**Subject:** Homestead Wind - Meeting Summary

Good Morning Elisha and Mike,

Attached please find a summary of the meeting notes and power point presentation from our Homestead Wind introductory meeting on April 9, 2024. There is also a GIS file of the project boundary for your use in assessing the project, as we discussed during the meeting. Thank you for participating in the meeting and for your thoughtful feedback. We are all looking forward to working with you more on this project!

If you could let me know you received this, I would appreciate it.

Thank you,  
~Sarah

SARAH CROMIE  
Senior Environmental Permitting Manager

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See **Appendix D.2 - USFWS** for April 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes

**From:** [Johnson, Sandra K.](#)  
**To:** [Sarah Cromie](#)  
**Cc:** [Pete Holmes](#); [Jennie Geiger](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Historical Eagle Nest Data Request - Homestead Project  
**Date:** Thursday, February 9, 2023 12:55:13 PM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[image006.png](#)

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Hi Sarah,

Sending a shapefile not zipped worked. I was able to open the layer and query our database. There are no known bald or golden eagle nests in the project area. The closest known eagle nests are south of Highway 2 near the Missouri River. Recognize the North Dakota Game and Fish Department provides no guarantee, express or implied, as to the presence/absence of any species within the area of interest.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,  
Sandy

**Sandra Johnson**  
*Conservation Biologist*

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 8, 2023 1:04 PM  
**To:** Johnson, Sandra K. <sajohnson@nd.gov>  
**Cc:** Pete Holmes <pete.holmes@apexcleanenergy.com>; Jennie Geiger <jennie.geiger@apexcleanenergy.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Historical Eagle Nest Data Request - Homestead Project

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Hello Sandy,

I'm having no luck converting the file to a piz, so I just pulled the GIS files out and attached them to this email. Hopefully this does the trick, let me know if not. I'll send the kmz separately as well, the file is big so didn't want that to potentially hang this up further. You should just be able to type a password of your choosing in for Box and then that will be your password. Sorry this is such a pain, appreciate your patience and sticking with us on it.

Thank you!

~Sarah

SARAH CROMIE  
Senior Environmental Permitting Manager

Apex Clean Energy  
cell: 434-270-3131

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**From:** Johnson, Sandra K. <[sajohnson@nd.gov](mailto:sajohnson@nd.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 8, 2023 9:26 AM  
**To:** Sarah Cromie <[sarah.cromie@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:sarah.cromie@apexcleanenergy.com)>  
**Cc:** Pete Holmes <[pete.holmes@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:pete.holmes@apexcleanenergy.com)>; Jennie Geiger <[jennie.geiger@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:jennie.geiger@apexcleanenergy.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Historical Eagle Nest Data Request - Homestead Project

Hi Sarah,  
Yes, the state email system removes zip files. One method of getting around this is to change the extension to “.piz.” I tried the link you sent but it is asking for a password. Do you want to try sending again by changing the extension, or can you provide me a password?  
Thanks,  
Sandy

**Sandra Johnson**  
*Conservation Biologist*

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**From:** Sarah Cromie <[sarah.cromie@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:sarah.cromie@apexcleanenergy.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 7, 2023 11:21 AM  
**To:** Johnson, Sandra K. <[sajohnson@nd.gov](mailto:sajohnson@nd.gov)>  
**Cc:** Pete Holmes <[pete.holmes@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:pete.holmes@apexcleanenergy.com)>; Jennie Geiger <[jennie.geiger@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:jennie.geiger@apexcleanenergy.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Historical Eagle Nest Data Request - Homestead Project

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Hello Sandy,  
Hope this email finds you doing well. Apex Clean Energy is looking into a potential wind project in North Dakota, our internal project name is Homestead. We are in the preliminary stages of siting the project and looking into potential environmental impacts. I just tried to email you GIS files and a kmz of a 2-mile buffer around the potential project area, however it appears your system does not allow zip files in, so this link on our Box site will get you to the file:

<https://apexcleanenergy.box.com/s/rc6hjgdoz6vko4jqoytq7tayqvhk60ay>. You should have received a link directly from the Box site as well, either one will work.

We would like to request any historical eagle nest information you might have within this area. I understand we'll need to sign a data sharing agreement with you, I will get that completed and anything else you might require if you could send that over to me.

If at all possible, we hope to receive the data from you next week, so our consultant can get in the field and check these historical locations by Feb 21<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to working with you on this request and the project moving forward.

Very Best,

~Sarah

SARAH CROMIE  
Senior Environmental Permitting Manager

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**NDDOT**

August 21, 2025

Matt Eberl  
Senior Development Manager  
Homestead Wind, LLC  
c/o Apex Clean Energy, Inc.  
8665 Hudson Blvd., Suite 110  
Lake Elmo, MN 55042

256.5-MEGAWATT HOMESTEAD WIND PROJECT IN MOUNTRAIL-WILLIAMS  
COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

We have reviewed your July 14, 2025, letter.

This project should have no adverse effect on North Dakota Department of Transportation highways.

However, if because of this project any work needs to be done on highway right of way, appropriate permits and risk management documents will need to be obtained from the Department of Transportation Williston District Engineer, Joel Wilt at 701-774-2700.



JON KETTERLING, P.E., DIRECTOR - OFFICE OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

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c: Joel Wilt, Williston District Engineer

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**From:** Meidinger, Lorna B. <[lbmeidinger@nd.gov](mailto:lbmeidinger@nd.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026 1:52 PM  
**To:** Anderson, Stephen <[Stephen.Anderson@tetrattech.com](mailto:Stephen.Anderson@tetrattech.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: SHSND #25-9055 Homestead Wind Report 1

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Thank you. Looks like our person who manages the system for us missed yours. I will put in a received date of February 6 since that is when we received the hard copy.

Respectfully,

Lorna Meidinger  
Lead Historic Preservationist  
State Historical Society of North Dakota  
612 E Boulevard Ave  
Bismarck, ND 58505  
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**From:** Anderson, Stephen <[Stephen.Anderson@tetrattech.com](mailto:Stephen.Anderson@tetrattech.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026 2:43 PM  
**To:** Meidinger, Lorna B. <[lbmeidinger@nd.gov](mailto:lbmeidinger@nd.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fw: SHSND #25-9055 Homestead Wind Report 1

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Lorna,

See below.

**Stephen Anderson, M.A. R.P.A | Principal Archaeologist**  
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**From:** Meidinger, Lorna B. <[lbmeidinger@nd.gov](mailto:lbmeidinger@nd.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026 1:33:51 PM  
**To:** Anderson, Stephen <[Stephen.Anderson@tetrattech.com](mailto:Stephen.Anderson@tetrattech.com)>  
**Subject:** SHSND #25-9055 Homestead Wind Report 1

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Stephen,

I received the hard copy of the report titled *Class III Cultural Resource Survey of the Homestead Wind Project Williams County, North Dakota* but have not received the associated digital files. Please upload all the digital files and let me know once you have done that so I can go look for them. The report will not be added to our queue for review until all required items have been received.

Respectfully,

Lorna Meidinger  
Lead Historic Preservationist  
State Historical Society of North Dakota  
612 E Boulevard Ave  
Bismarck, ND 58505  
701.328.2089



January 15, 2026

Stephen Anderson  
Principal Investigator  
Tetra Tech, Inc.  
390 Union Blvd, Suite 400  
Lakewood, CO 80228

**RE: Homestead Wind Updates**

Stephen,

We have processed the request for NDCRS numbers and the updates to 32WI243, 32WI1148, 32WI1152, 32WI1669, 32WI670, 32WI1704, 32WIX213, 32WIX214, 32WIX268, and 32WIX583. The field codes and assigned numbers are:

Field Code	Assigned #
HW-DM-04	32WI2607
HW-DM-07	32WI2608
32WIX214 Form	32WI2609
32WIX583	32WI2610

Comments were noted during the review of the forms, which are located on the following pages. We have taken the liberty of making corrections. There is no need to resubmit the forms unless you wish to do so.

Sincerely,

Brittany Brooks  
Research Archaeologist

**Acceptance** of the NDCRS form(s) and/or Cultural Heritage form(s) and this letter does **not** constitute **concurrence** under state or federal preservation laws. (*North Dakota SHPO Guidelines Manual for Cultural Resource Inventory Projects 2020:23*) Evaluations in NDCRS forms are **recommendations** only.



January 13, 2026

Stephen Anderson  
Principal Investigator  
Tetra Tech, Inc.  
390 Union Blvd, Suite 400  
Lakewood, CO 80228

**RE: Homestead Wind Sites**

Stephen,

We have processed the request for NDCRS numbers. The field codes and assigned numbers are:

Field Code	Assigned #
HW-HB-01	32WI2592
HW-HB-02	32WI2593
HW-HB-03	32WI2594
HW-HB-04	32WI2595
HW-HB-05	32WI2596
HW-HB-06	32WI2597
HW2-HB-01	32WI2598

Field Code	Assigned #
HW2-HB-02	32WI2599
HW2-HB-03	32WI2600
HW-DM-01	32WI2601
HW-DM-02	32WI2602
HW-DM-03	32WI2603
HW-DM-05	32WI2604

Comments were noted during the review of the forms, which are located on the following pages. We have taken the liberty of making corrections. There is no need to resubmit the forms unless you wish to do so.

However, please **resubmit HW-DM-04** PDF as it looks like the data for HW-HB-01 was inadvertently added to this form. Just this once, you do not need to provide a hard copy for this form.

Questions about architectural site recording can be directed to Historic Preservation Specialist Erica Scherr ([escherr@nd.gov](mailto:escherr@nd.gov)).

Sincerely,

Brittany Brooks  
Research Archaeologist

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December 24, 2025

Stephen Anderson  
Principal Investigator  
Tetra Tech, Inc.  
390 Union Blvd, Suite 400  
Lakewood, CO 80228

**RE: Homestead Wind Sites**

Stephen,

We have begun processing the request for NDCRS numbers. Comments were noted during the review of the forms, which are located on the following pages.

Please resubmit the site form hard copies/PDFs and associated shapefiles of the requested site forms so that we can complete the review process and assign numbers.

Questions about architectural site recording can be directed to Historic Preservation Specialist Erica Scherr ([escherr@nd.gov](mailto:escherr@nd.gov)).

Sincerely,

Brittany Brooks  
Research Archaeologist

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December 19, 2025

Stephen Anderson  
Principal Investigator  
Tetra Tech, Inc.  
390 Union Blvd, Suite 400  
Lakewood, CO 80228

**RE: Homestead Wind Updates**

Stephen,

We have begun processing the update to 32WI243, 32WI1148, 32WI1152, 32WI1669, 32WI670, 32WI1704, 32WIX213, 32WIX214, 32WIX268, and 32WIX583. Comments were noted during the review of the form, which are located on the following pages.

Please resubmit the site form hard copies/PDFs and associated shapefiles for 32WI243, 32WI1148, 32WI1704, and 32WIX213 so that we can complete the review process.

Questions about architectural site recording can be directed to Historic Preservation Specialist Erica Scherr ([escherr@nd.gov](mailto:escherr@nd.gov)).

Sincerely,

Brittany Brooks  
Research Archaeologist

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December 17, 2025

Stephen Anderson  
Principal Investigator  
Tetra Tech, Inc.  
390 Union Blvd, Suite 400  
Lakewood, CO 80228

**RE: Homestead Wind Isolated Finds**

Stephen,

We have processed the request for NDCRS numbers. The field codes and assigned numbers are:

Field Code	Assigned #
HW-DM-IF-01	32WIX903
HW-DM-IF-02	32WIX904
HW-DM-IF-03	32WIX905
HW-DM-IF-04	32WIX906
HW-DM-IF-05	32WIX907
HW-DM-IF-06	32WIX908
HW-HB-IF-01	32WIX909
HW-HB-IF-02	32WIX910
HW-HB-IF-03	32WIX911

Field Code	Assigned #
HW-HB-IF-04	32WIX912
HW-HB-IF-05	32WIX913
HW-HB-IF-06	32WIX914
HW-HB-IF-07	32WIX915
HW-HB-IF-08	32WIX916
HW-HB-IF-09	32WIX917
HW-HB-IF-10	32WIX918
HW-HB-IF-11	32WIX919
HW-HB-IF-12	32WIX920

Field Code	Assigned #
HW-HB-IF-13	32WIX921
HW-HB-IF-14	32WIX922
HW-HB-IF-15	32WIX923
HW-HB-IF-16	32WIX924
HW-HB-IF-17	32WIX925
HW-HB-IF-18	32WIX926
HW2-HB-IF-07	32WIX927

**General Comments**

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Sincerely,

Brittany Brooks  
Research Archaeologist

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November 25, 2025

Stephen Anderson  
Principal Investigator  
Tetra Tech, Inc.  
390 Union Blvd, Suite 400  
Lakewood, CO 80228

**RE: Homestead Wind Isolated Finds**

Stephen,

We have begun processing the request for NDCRS numbers. Comments were noted during the review of the forms.

Please resubmit the hard copies, PDFs, and the requested shapefiles so that we can finish the review process and assign numbers.

Sincerely,

Brittany Brooks  
Research Archaeologist

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**From:** [Meidinger, Lorna B.](#)  
**To:** [Matt Eberl](#)  
**Subject:** SHSND #25-9055 Homestead Wind  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 13, 2025 9:41:43 AM  
**Attachments:** [25-9055 Survey.pdf](#)

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Matt,

Attached is our response to your letter dated July 14, 2025 regarding the Homestead Wind project.

Respectfully,

Lorna Meidinger  
Lead Historic Preservationist  
State Historical Society of North Dakota  
612 E Boulevard Ave  
Bismarck, ND 58505  
701.328.2089



August 13, 2025

Matt Eberl  
Homestead Wind, LLC  
c/o Apex Clean Energy, Inc.  
8665 Hudson Blvd North, Ste 110  
Lake Elmo, MN 55042  
[Matt.eberl@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:Matt.eberl@apexcleanenergy.com)

**SHSND Ref: 25-9055 Homestead Wind Project in Williams County, North Dakota**

Dear Drew,

We reviewed your preliminary information on SHSND Ref: 25-9055 Homestead Wind Project in Williams County, North Dakota. We recommend survey for cultural resources as follows:

- A current Class I: Literature Search to determine any previously recorded cultural resources in the project area, provide background research, allow predictions of the types and distribution of expected cultural resources, and identify preservation and/or research priorities.
- A Class II (reconnaissance) and Class III (intensive) survey by a permitted architectural historian for standing buildings and structures (including cemeteries) over 45 years old in the visual Area of Potential Effect (APE). This is within a two-mile radius of individual turbine locations. The purpose is to evaluate any architectural or structural features that may be eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places or the State Historic Sites Registry. At least three out of the seven aspects of integrity used to evaluate historic properties could be impacted by the proposed project: the setting, feeling, and association of historic sites.
- A Class III intensive archaeological survey of all areas of direct impact including crane paths, met towers, access roads, turbine locations and staging areas, unless the footprint has been recently surveyed for cultural resources.

We also met with you and others associated with this project on July 1, 2025 where we were informed that this survey was already underway by your consultant. We look forward to reviewing the results.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project to date. We look forward to review of the Class II/Class III surveys. Please include the SHSND reference number listed above in any

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further correspondence for this specific project. If you have any questions, please contact Lorna Meidinger, Lead Historic Preservationist, at (701) 328-2089 or lbmeidinger@nd.gov.

Sincerely,



*for* William D. Peterson, PhD  
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

**From:** [Meidinger, Lorna B.](#)  
**To:** [Sarah Sinsabaugh](#); [Robinson, Andrew J.](#)  
**Cc:** [Pete Holmes](#); [Jennie Geiger](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Homestead - July 2nd Meeting Notes  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 13, 2025 10:39:10 AM

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Hello Sarah,

The only thing I saw to adjust on the meeting notes is that we met on July 1<sup>st</sup>, not the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for sending them.

Respectfully,

Lorna Meidinger  
Lead Historic Preservationist  
State Historical Society of North Dakota  
612 E Boulevard Ave  
Bismarck, ND 58505  
701.328.2089

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**From:** Sarah Sinsabaugh <sarah.cromie@apexcleanenergy.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 1, 2025 9:46 AM  
**To:** Meidinger, Lorna B. <lmeidinger@nd.gov>; Robinson, Andrew J. <andrewrobinson@nd.gov>  
**Cc:** Pete Holmes <pete.holmes@apexcleanenergy.com>; Jennie Geiger <jennie.geiger@apexcleanenergy.com>  
**Subject:** Homestead - July 2nd Meeting Notes

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Hello Lorna and Andrew,

Thank you for meeting with us on July 2, 2025 to discuss the proposed Homestead Project located in Williams County, North Dakota. I have attached meeting notes outlining the topics discussed, as well as the PowerPoint presentation (PPT) presented, for your review and consideration.

It was a sincere pleasure to meet both of you and we all look forward to continuing to work together on this Project. Please let us know if you have questions or would like to discuss anything further.

If you could please confirm receipt given the size of this email I would appreciate it.

Best,  
~Sarah

SARAH SINSABAUGH (formerly Cromie)  
Senior Environmental Permitting Manager

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**HOMESTEAD WIND PROJECT - MEETING SUMMARY**

Meeting Attendees: Lorna Meidinger, SHPO  
Andrew Robinson, SHPO  
Jennie Geiger, Homestead  
Matt Eberl, Homestead  
Pete Holmes, Homestead  
Sarah Sinsabaugh, Homestead  
Stephen Anderson, Tetra Tech, on behalf of Homestead

Notes Prepared by: Homestead Wind, LLC

Date: August 1, 2025

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On July 2, 2025, Homestead Wind, LLC (Homestead) met with staff of the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to discuss the proposed Homestead Wind Project (Project) located in Williams County, North Dakota. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the Project, discuss survey results and survey protocols, and determine the next steps for coordination with the SHPO. The meeting was conducted virtually over Teams. The attached PowerPoint (PPT) presentation was provided, and the following is a summary of the topics discussed.

Homestead presented information on Project status and presented the results of the initial record search of the Project area and 1-mile buffer completed in April 2024. Homestead indicated that Class III pedestrian surveys were initiated in May 2025 and that they will continue through the end of summer 2025. As of the date of the meeting, 88 parcels have been surveyed; these parcels are all comprised of primarily disturbed croplands. The SHPO asked if there was a plan for potential digging at site boundaries; Homestead confirmed the plan is for avoidance of these features and therefore no subsurface work is planned to further evaluate these types of sites. SHPO confirmed that if sites are avoided, there is no need to conduct subsurface testing for unevaluated sites or sites that need further review to assess their eligibility for NHRP listing.

Homestead stated the current plan is to avoid eligible sites and sites that require further evaluation, but that ineligible sites might not be avoided. The SHPO also confirmed that full avoidance of cultural resources was not required, but that Homestead should inform the SHPO in advance of filing the NDPSC application if there is a potential for adverse impact(s) to eligible, potentially eligible, or unevaluated sites once the surveys are complete.

The SHPO stated that the National Park Service likes to be informed of Projects that are happening within 10-miles of National Park Service managed properties and referenced the Fort Union National Historic Site (Fort Union) as being in proximity to the Project. Homestead has since confirmed that Fort Union is located approximately 25 miles south of the Project and therefore does not plan to contact the National Park Service regarding the Project.

Homestead indicated that two turbines are proposed to be sited on State Trust Lands and asked if there were any specific cultural requirements for those parcels. SHPO stated that for State Owned

Land, Code 5502-07 applies and that State Lands does not require a separate cultural report for their land, but that they do have a separate required permit.

Homestead indicated that architectural surveys had not yet been initiated but were planned for later in the summer of 2025. SHPO recommended that the Project use historical and recent aerial imagery to assess farmsteads, including historical farmsteads that lack extant structures. The SHPO confirmed that architectural surveys for the Project would need to include a 2-mile buffer from the turbine locations to assess potential visual impacts of the Project. Additionally, the SHPO indicated that structures under the 45-year time frame can be ruled out during a Class II inventory and do not need to be included in the survey report.

Lastly, the SHPO requested that batches of 20-25 site forms be submitted for both archaeological and architectural, as that will allow staff the ability to complete their review in a timelier manner. SHPO stated that it will take them approximately 30 days to review materials and produce a concurrence letter in support of the Project.

Action Items:

- Homestead to complete the archaeological and architectural surveys as outlined in the attached PPT and as agreed upon with the SHPO.
- Homestead to reach out to the SHPO if Project facilities may result in a potential adverse impact to an eligible, potentially eligible, or unevaluated site resource to discuss options/next steps.

## Attachment 1: Power Point Presentation

# Homestead Wind Project

Agency Meeting



July 2, 2025

# Agenda

## Apex Clean Energy

- Introductions
- Apex Overview

## Homestead Wind Project

- Project Status and Drivers
- Studies Completed to Date
- Next Steps



# Business Confidentiality/FOIA Exemption

- Importance of sharing data and open collaboration
- Information exchanged between Apex and SHPO is exempt from release under FOIA

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  - (b) obtained from a person, and
  - (c) privileged or confidential
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- \$800 million dollars will be paid to local landowners
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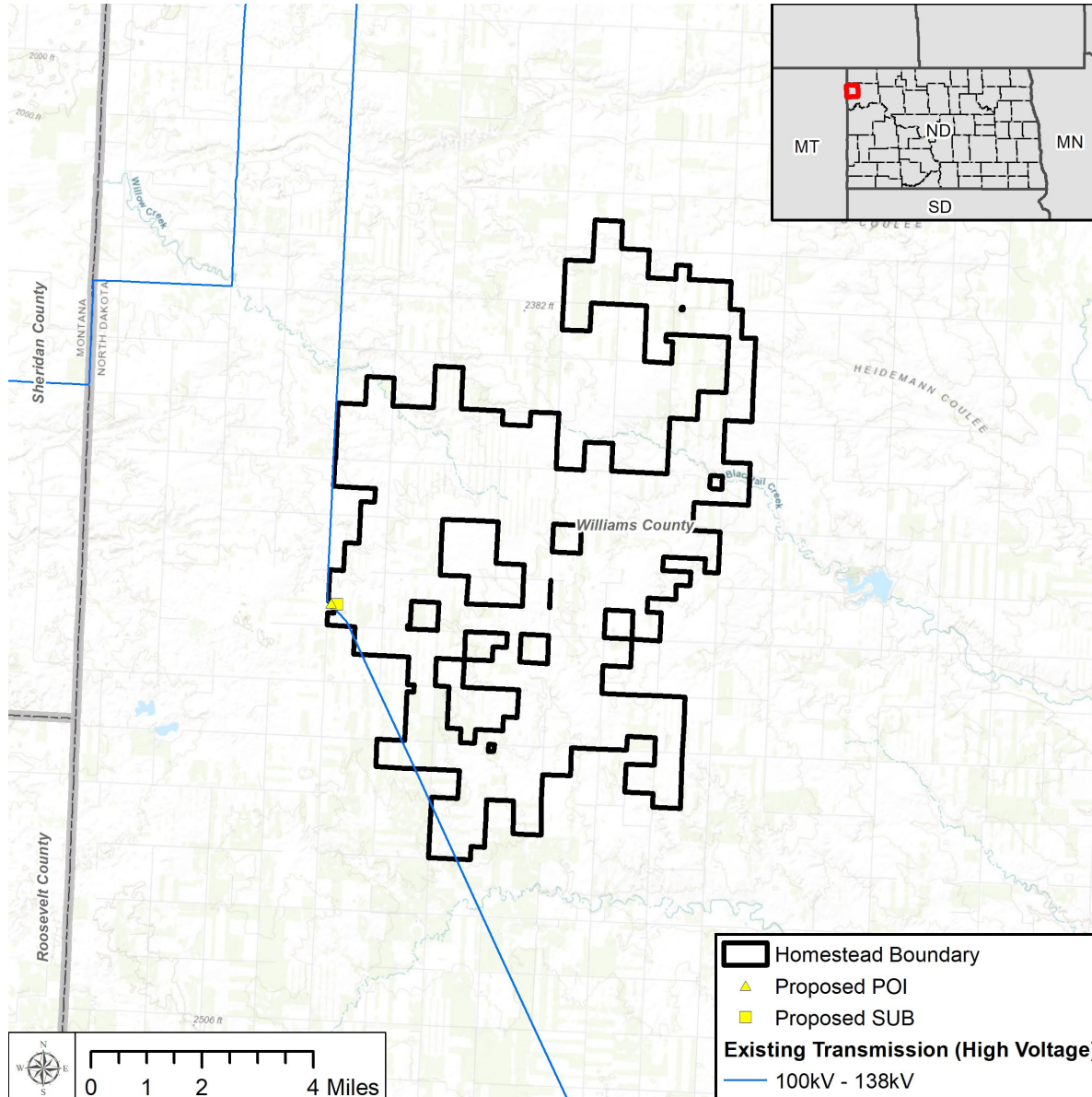
## Social

Apex's partnerships are unique. A wind or solar farm will contribute to a community for decades.

### Contributions:

- Apex's Local Vendor Program lays out the types of services a project typically needs so local vendors can get involved; it also creates a directory of local vendors in project communities, which is then shared with the project's lead construction firm
- A recent survey of our supply chain showed that 46% of Apex's vendors were small businesses

# Project Overview



## Project Capacity and Details

Up to 255MW; Project Boundary (~ 45,710 ac)

## Commercial Operations

2028 COD Target

## Project Drivers

Landowner support

Strong and proven wind resource

Increased Regulatory Certainty

Interconnect within Project boundary and adjacent to collector substation; T-Line length <200ft

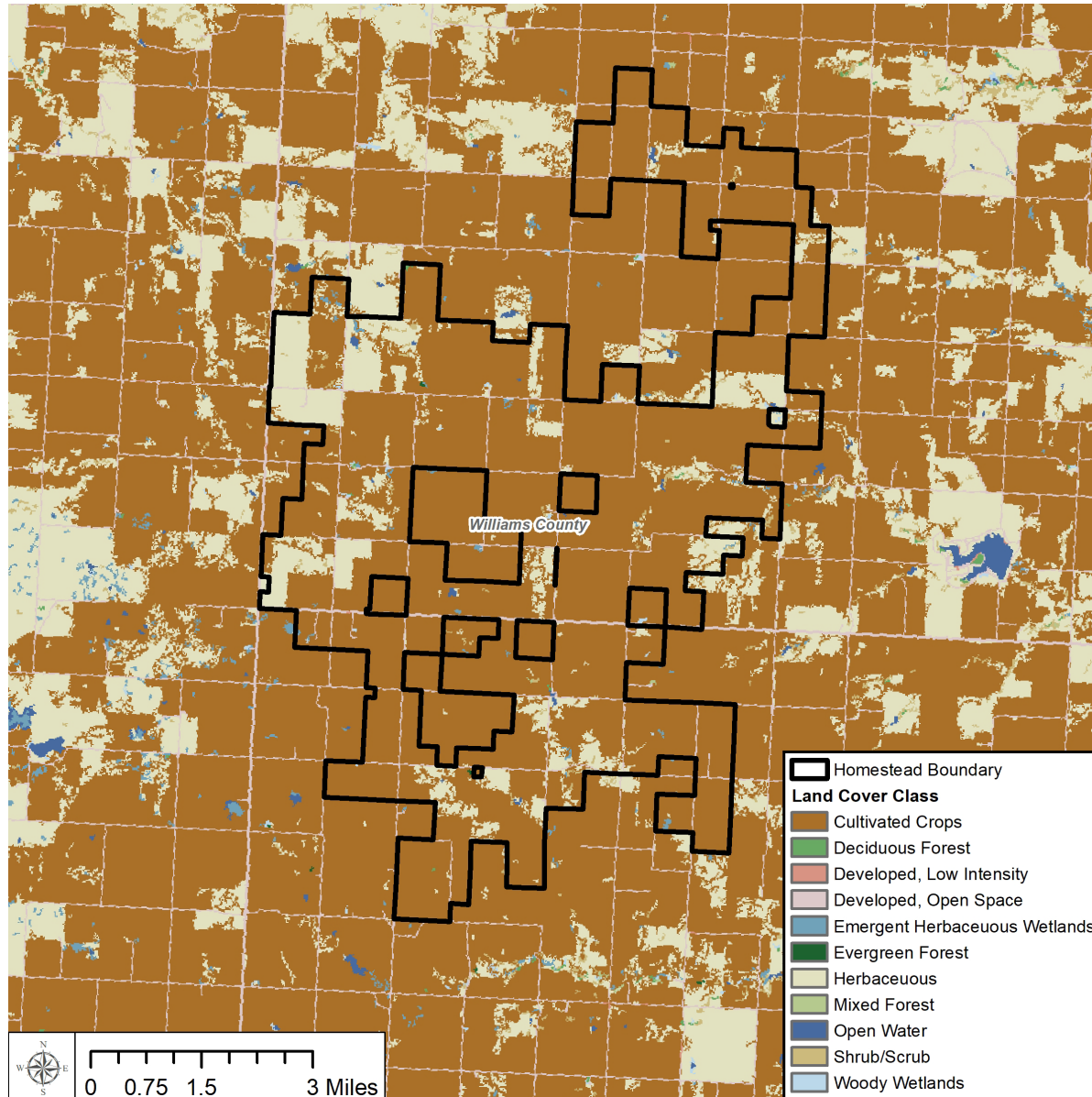
## Project Status

County permitting anticipated late summer/early fall 2025, State permitting anticipated early 2026

Leasing is 100% complete

Class I desktop survey complete, Class III Pedestrian surveys initiated

# Topography/Land Use



- Land use is dominated by cultivated crops (83%) followed by herbaceous rangeland (12%)
- Gently rolling topography typical of the region
- Project being designed to avoid and minimize grassland impacts to the maximum extent practicable

# Regulatory Review

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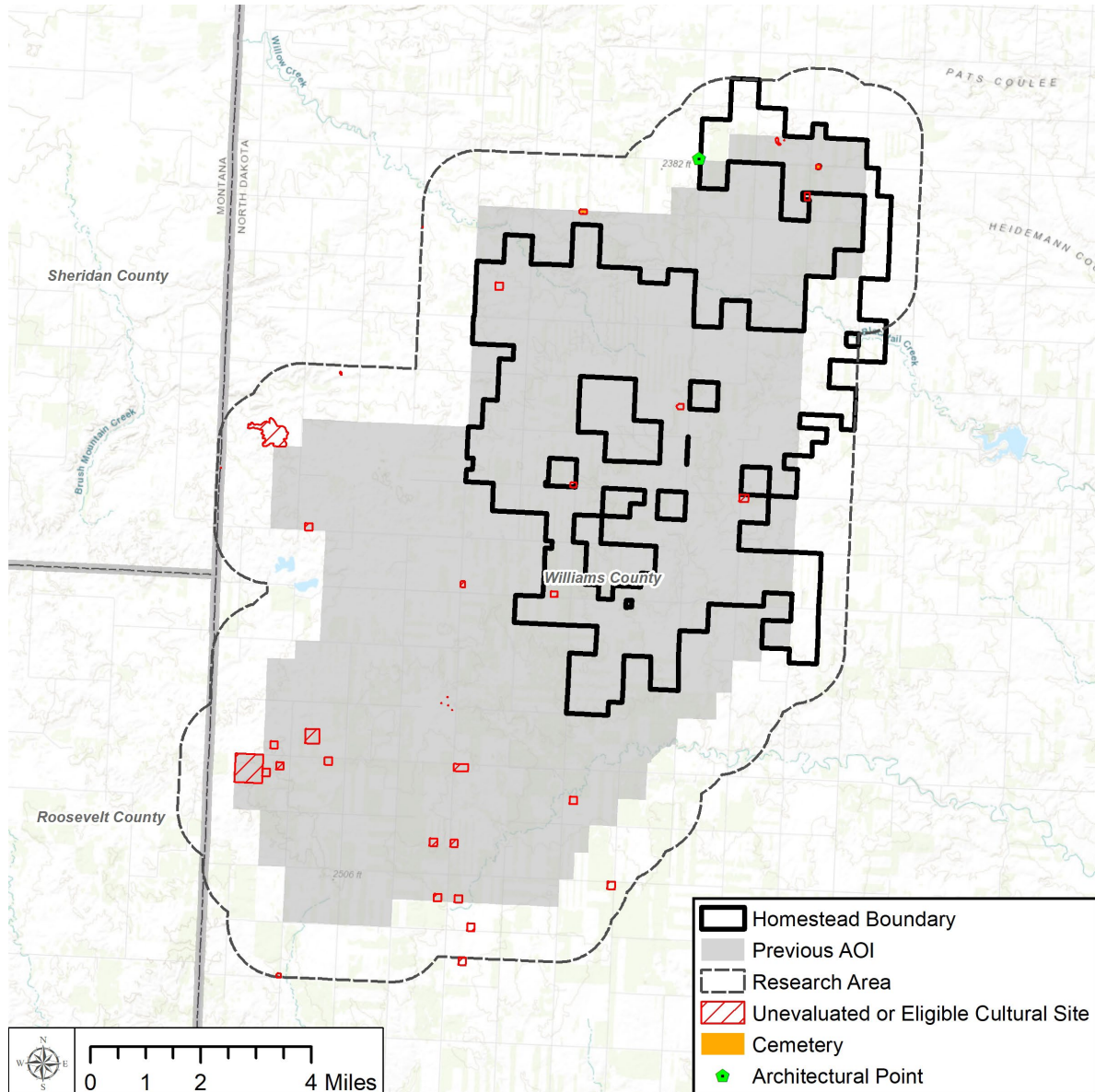
## State:

- Protection of Prehistoric Sites and Deposits (North Dakota Century Code Chapter 55-03) requires any person engaged in the investigation, excavation, or other recording of cultural resources on land owned by an instrumentality of the state or in the excavation of cultural resources on private land for any purpose other than those identified in section 55-03-01 to obtain a permit
- Energy Conversion Facility Siting Criteria (State of North Dakota Administrative Code 69-06-08)
  - 69-06-08-01(b) requires the exclusion of the following in consideration of a site for an energy conversion facility: designated or registered state: parks; forests; forest management lands; historic sites; monuments; historical markers; archaeological sites; grasslands; wild, scenic or recreational rivers; game refuges; game management areas; management areas; and nature preserves.
- Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Siting Act (North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-22)
  - 49-22-09(i) requires consideration of the effect of the proposed project or route on existing scenic areas, historic sites and structures, and paleontological or archaeological sites.
- North Dakota Trust Lands (NDTL) parcels are included within the Project; turbines are being considered on one or more of the parcels

## Federal:

- No federal lands or funding involved or anticipated
- Potential for FCC license for ADLS tower if needed for Project

# Class I Literature Review



## Methods

- 2024 Project Area plus a 1-mile buffer (Study Area)
- Attained ND SHPO records on April 1, 2024
- National Register of Historic Places and National Historic Landmarks databases checked

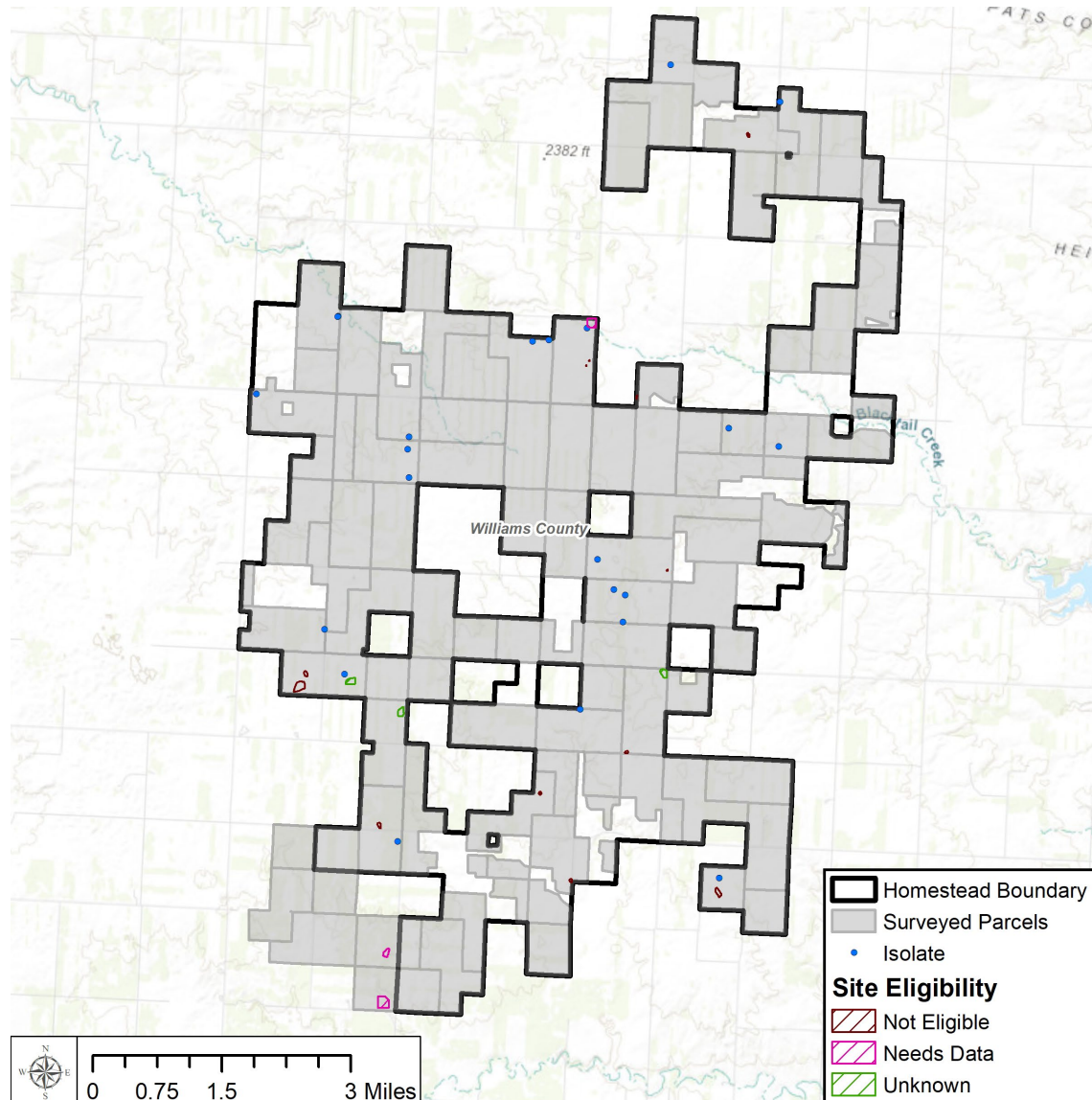
## Results for Current Project Boundary

- 24 previous inventories conducted in Research Area
- 52 previously recorded cultural resource sites and site leads, 9 within current boundary

## Response/Next Steps

- Avoid resources that are eligible and unevaluated, or complete additional assessment
- Complete Class III inventory

# Class III Intensive Cultural Resources Pedestrian Inventory - 2025



## Methods

- May 6 - June 11, 2025
- Pedestrian surveys w/transects  $\leq$  15 meters apart

## Results To Date

- 88 parcels surveyed to date
- 20 cultural sites and 25 isolates identified, boundaries roughly drawn using surface expression of artifacts/features
- Within current Project boundary - Four (3 unknown, 1 needs data) potentially eligible sites, remainder considered not eligible

## Next Steps

- Remaining survey areas are grasslands; planning to avoid grasslands however, if a Project facility must cross them will complete additional surveys
- Complete Class III surveys on remainder of Project footprint using pedestrian survey/ subsurface testing in accordance with ND SHPO Guidelines
- Intent is to avoid all eligible and/or unevaluated resources to extent practicable, will coordinate with SHPO if full avoidance is not possible

# Next Steps



## 2025

- Complete Class III Field Studies in accordance with ND SHPO Guidelines
- Conduct Class II Architectural Survey for two-mile radius from each turbine
- Will develop an Unanticipated Discoveries Plan
- Submit archaeological and architectural survey reports in fall 2025
- Submit siting application to NDPSC in early 2026

# Contact

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**NDDTL**

December 10, 2025

RE: R-10668 - HOMESTEAD WIND, LLC - Wind Farm – Proposed

To Whom it May Concern:

Trust Lands were granted to the state of North Dakota through the Enabling Act of 1889 from the United States for the sole purpose of generating revenue for the beneficiaries defined by the North Dakota Constitution. Through our state constitution, the Board of University and School lands (Board), is charged with managing these Trust Lands in a way that is in the best interest of the trusts’ beneficiaries (i.e. various schools). The North Dakota Department of Trust Lands (NDDTL) manages these lands on behalf of the Board. All proposed projects crossing NDDTL managed property are subject to review and approval by the Board or through the Board’s agent, the Commissioner.

The above listed company has applied for a Wind Farm Right-of-Way across the above listed sections of land which are managed by the North Dakota Department of Trust Lands (NDDTL). The above-listed company is currently working through the NDDTL ROW process to obtain an agreement.

NDDTL staff have completed onsite reviews for tract project participation and for proposed infrastructure locations. Although the tracts proposed to have infrastructure located within the tract would be classified as grassland, these tracts are primarily surrounded by cropland, so they are a part of a fragmented landscape (non-contiguous grassland). Temporary disturbance or wind turbines are not likely to significantly affect the landscape further. The tracts that are primarily surrounded by other grassland (creating a contiguous grassland landscape) do not have any infrastructure proposed across them. The proposed infrastructure as presently planned will allow for adequate preservation of grassland assets while allowing NDDTL to fulfil their constitutional fiduciary mandate. Maps of the proposed infrastructure are attached.

<b>Tract</b>	<b>Proposed Wind Farm Planned Involvement:</b>
Williams - 157-103-16 NE4	Participation Tract; no infrastructure being planned
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Williams - 157-103-16 SE4	Participation Tract; no infrastructure being planned
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Williams - 158-102-36 SW4	Infrastructure being planned, general map attached
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Any questions can be forwarded to NDDTL ROW staff by phone (701-328-2800) or email ([landrow@nd.gov](mailto:landrow@nd.gov)).

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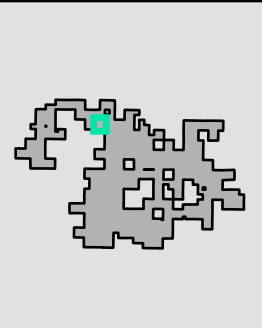
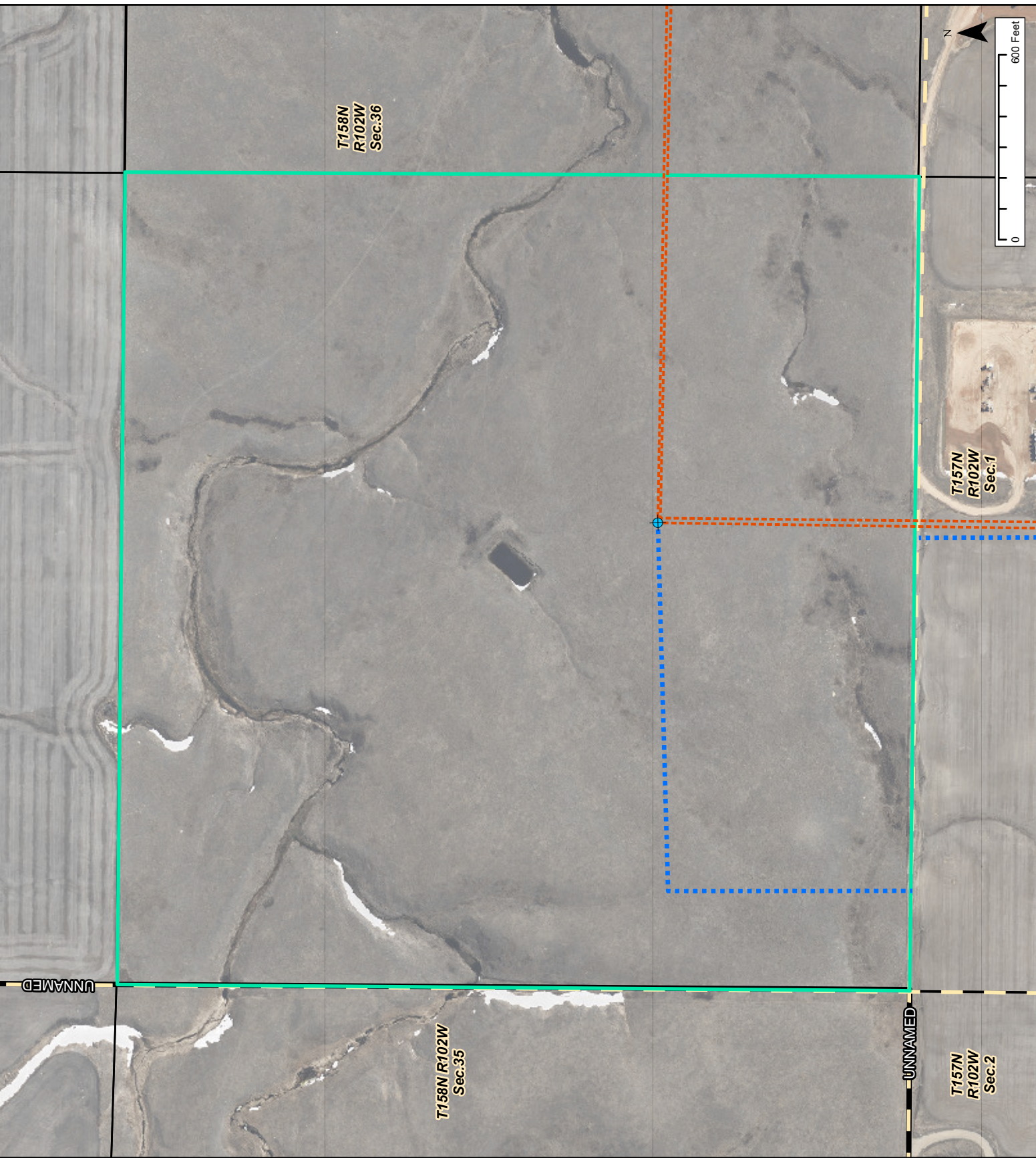
Respectfully,



Surface Division – Rights of Ways Staff  
 North Dakota Department of Trust Lands








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Location of Turbines, Access Roads and Underground Collection are preliminary and subject to change.



Agreement: TAR-HOM-0175  
Parcel: 55158020036030  
156 Acres

State Of North Dakota

-  Proposed Turbine
-  Proposed Collection
-  Proposed Access Road
-  Project Boundary
-  Parcel for Discussion
-  PLSS Section
-  Parcel Boundary

Landowner  
Comments:

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Yes:

Initials:

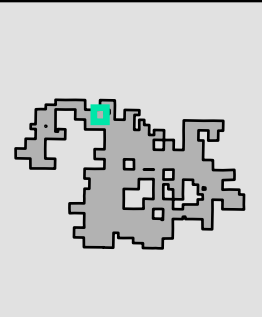
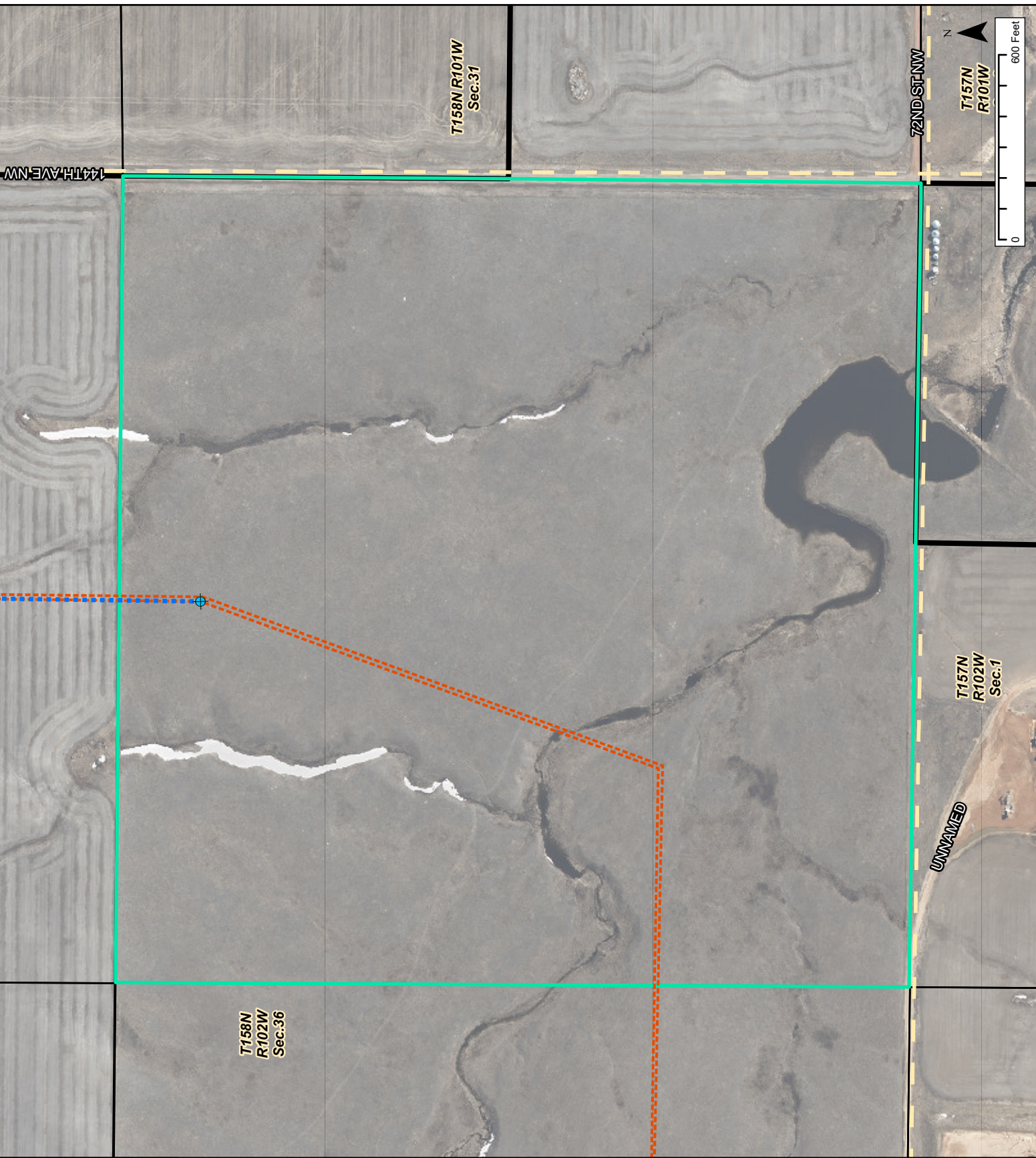
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 Parcel: 55158020036040  
 155 Acres  
 State Of North Dakota

- Proposed Turbine
- Proposed Collection
- Proposed Access Road
- Project Boundary
- Parcel for Discussion
- PLSS Section
- Parcel Boundary

Landowner  
 Comments:  
 None:   
 Yes:

Initials:  
 Date: 9/2/2025

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May 14, 2025

RE: R-10668 - HOMESTEAD WIND, LLC - Wind Farm

**Williams County**

Township 157 North, Range 103 West  
Section 16: NW4, NE4, SW4, SE4

**Williams County**

Township 158 North, Range 102 West  
Section 36: SW4, SE4

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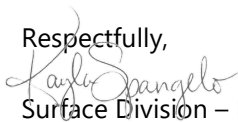
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Surface Division – Rights of Ways Staff  
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Outlook

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**RE: R-10668 - Williams County - Wind Farm - Original Easement - HOMESTEAD WIND, LLC CRM:04582187**

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**From** Spangelo, Kayla M. <kspangelo@nd.gov>

**Date** Wed 5/14/2025 9:05 AM

**To** Matt Eberl <matt.eberl@apexcleanenergy.com>

 1 attachment (224 KB)

10668 - HOMESTEAD WIND, LLC - Wind Farm - PSC letter .pdf;

Hello,

Attached is a letter for the PSC.

Please respond to the below question when you are able and forward additional proposed construction maps when available.

Thank you

Kayla Spangelo

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**From:** Spangelo, Kayla M.  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 1, 2025 5:23 PM  
**To:** Matt Eberl <[matt.eberl@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:matt.eberl@apexcleanenergy.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: R-10668 - Williams County - Wind Farm - Original Easement - HOMESTEAD WIND, LLC CRM:04582187

Thank you, Matt. There will no longer be a turbine proposed in the SE4 of this section??

Regarding your question about DTL easement timeline (attached), you are correct, DTL will not approve the easement until approval has been received from the PSC. I have requested review of the draft letter that DTL can provide for the PSC.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Kayla Spangelo, SR/WA  
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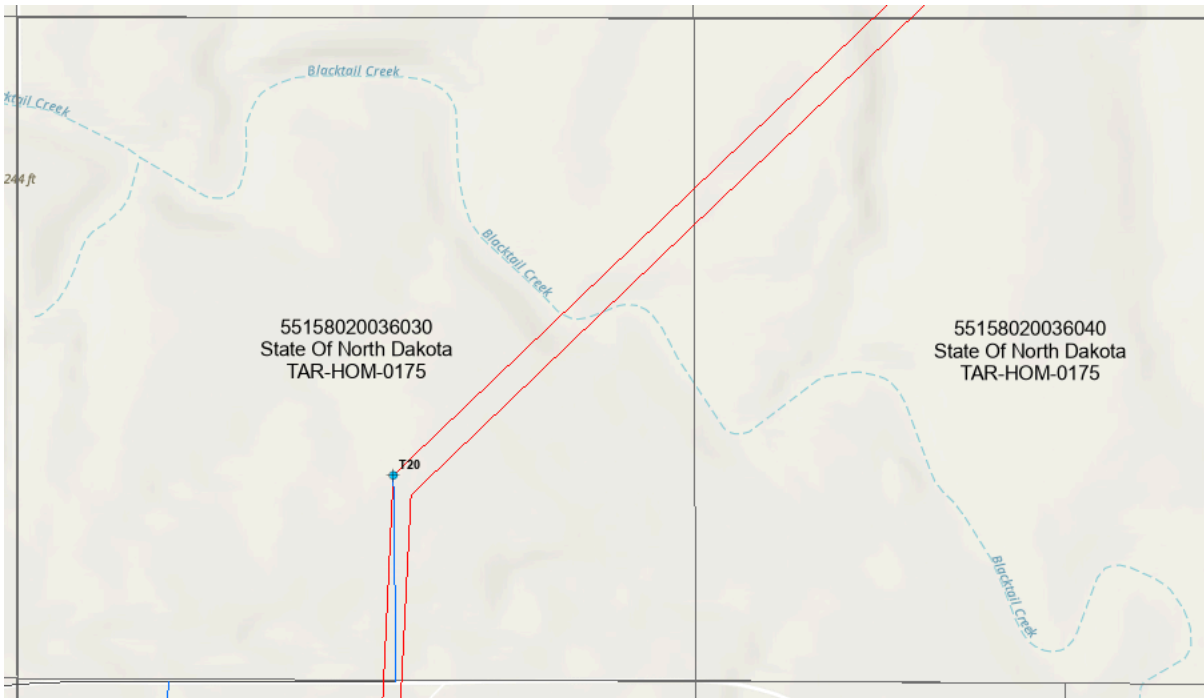

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**From:** Matt Eberl <[matt.eberl@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:matt.eberl@apexcleanenergy.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2025 8:56 AM  
**To:** Spangelo, Kayla M. <[kspangelo@nd.gov](mailto:kspangelo@nd.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: R-10668 - Williams County - Wind Farm - Original Easement - HOMESTEAD WIND, LLC CRM:04582187

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Hello,

We have just completed our most recent layout that includes turbine locations, access roads & underground cabling routes. Currently, the 2 DTL parcels in Section 36 of T158N R 102W are proposed for facilities. The snip below shows 1 turbine (BLUE circle T-20), an associated access road (BLUE line), and underground cables (RED lines). The underground cables would be located within approximately 30' of each other. I will provide you with a more detailed site map for each parcel as we finalize the design, but I wanted to keep you updated on our progress. Please reach out with any questions or concerns related to these proposed facilities. Thank you - Matt



**From:** Spangelo, Kayla M. <[kspangelo@nd.gov](mailto:kspangelo@nd.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2025 3:49 PM  
**To:** Matt Eberl <[matt.eberl@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:matt.eberl@apexcleanenergy.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: R-10668 - Williams County - Wind Farm - Original Easement - HOMESTEAD WIND, LLC CRM:04582187

Hello,

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Thank you for your time in the field last week. I have attached the DTL wind template as requested (should be unchanged from what you previously received). Please let DTL know when a letter for the PSC will be needed and please forward more plan maps as soon as available for review.

Below I have included some additional information that may be helpful regarding the potential mitigation that DTL would be willing to look at. We can set up a meeting to discuss further.

**Potential tracts for mitigation**

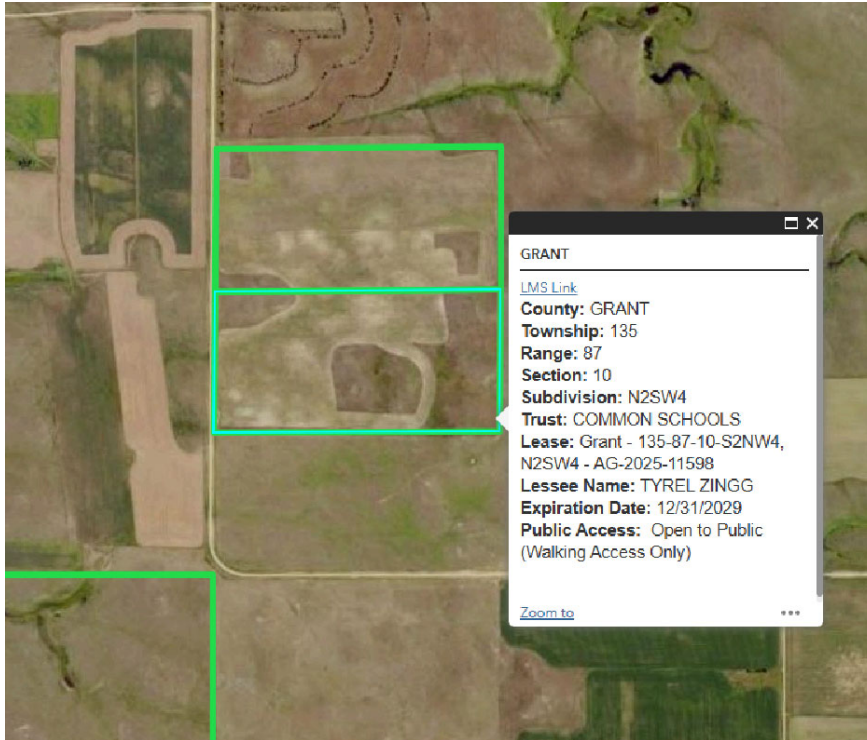
Here are some potential tracts for crop/hay that could be converted to native grassland. These may not be tracts picked, but these would be a good representation of tracts of land that DTL could offer. A consideration that will need to be reviewed is if the tract is leased and if so, how willing the lessee is to participate.

Additional questions would be:

- What is the timeline for mitigation work? When does the mitigation need to start?
- What costs/labor does the company provide?
- What kind of binding document and what are the possible term lengths?

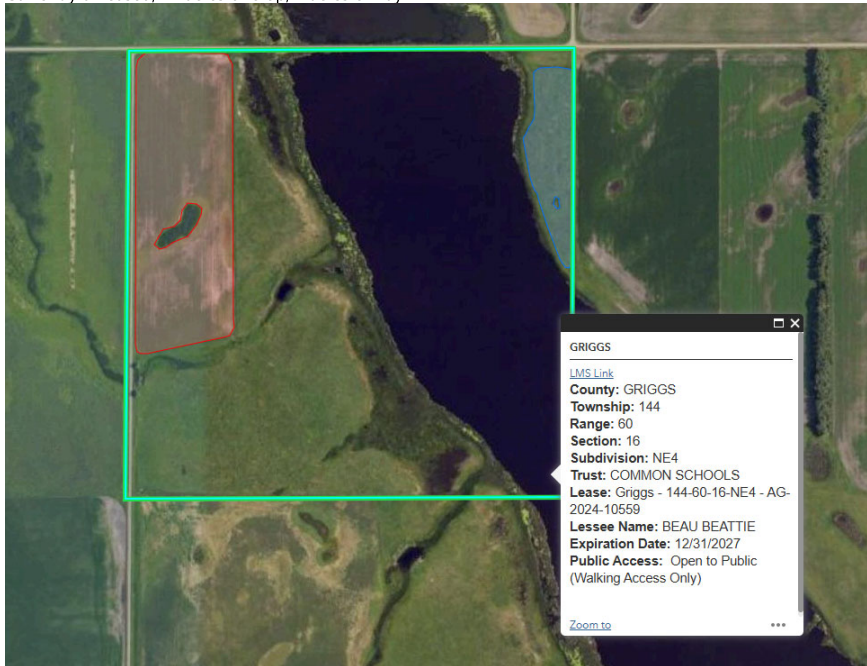
**Grant-135-87-10**

130 acres of hay, Very sandy, lessee has been struggling to get alfalfa established.



**Griggs-144-60-16-NE4**

Currently unleased, 24 acres of crop, 7 acres of hay



Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Kayla Spangelo, SR/WA-GN

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**NDPRD**

**From:** [Duttenhefner, Kathleen G.](#)  
**To:** [Matt Eberl](#)  
**Subject:** Environmental Review –Homestead Wind, LLC Wind Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 13, 2025 9:28:35 AM  
**Attachments:** [HOMESTEAD WILLIAMS CO WIND PROJECT DL8.13.2025.pdf](#)

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Re: Environmental Review –Homestead Wind, LLC Wind Project

North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department’s Environmental Review Response letter is attached.

**Kathy Duttenhefner**

*Natural Resources Division Chief*

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**Date:** August 13, 2025

**Subject:** Environmental Review –Homestead Wind, LLC Wind Project

**Location:** Williams County, North Dakota

**To:** Matt Eberl  
Homestead Wind, LLC  
8665 Hudson Blvd. North , Suite 110, Lake Elmo, MN 55042

Dear Matt Eberl:

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) has completed its review of the proposed wind project in Williams County, North Dakota.

Our review considered:

1. NDPRD Jurisdictional Properties – Properties owned, leased, or managed by NDPRD.
2. Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Section 6(f) Properties – Areas protected under federal funding agreements.
3. Natural Heritage Program Resources – Documented occurrences of rare plants, animals, and significant ecological communities within the project vicinity.

Findings:

- The proposed project does **not** appear to affect properties owned, leased, or managed by NDPRD.
- The proposed project does **not** appear to impact any properties protected under Section 6(f) of the LWCF.
- A query of the North Dakota Natural Heritage biological conservation database indicates no documented occurrences of plant or animal species of concern, or significant ecological communities, within or immediately adjacent to the project area (approximately one-mile radius).

We appreciate your commitment to conserving North Dakota’s natural resources and your cooperation in the environmental review process. If you have questions or require further information, please contact me at (701) 328-5370, (701) 220-3377 (cell), or by email at [kgduttenhefner@nd.gov](mailto:kgduttenhefner@nd.gov).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,



Kathy Duttenhefner  
Chief, Natural Resources Division

**NDDWR**

**From:** [Gerrity, Michelle L.](#)  
**To:** [Matt Eberl](#)  
**Subject:** Environmental Review  
**Date:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 9:23:14 AM  
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Good morning,

Please see the attached information on the environmental review that was requested. If you have any questions, please let Kyle know. Thank you!

**Michelle Gerrity**

*Administrative Assistant*

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Aug 19, 2025

Mr. Matt Eberl

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434-806-7692

Dear Mr. Eberl,

This is in response to your request for a review of the environmental impacts associated with the 256.5-megawatt Homestead Wind Project, located in Williams County, North Dakota.

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

- The DWR Regulatory Division's Engineering and Permitting Section reviewed the project location and determined a drainage permit(s) or construction permit(s) may be required if a pond, slough, lake, sheetwater, or any series thereof, with a drainage area of 80 acres or more is drained, or a watercourse is modified (i.e., deepened, widened, rerouted, etc.). For more information, please visit the Regulation & Appropriation tab on the DWR website ([dwr.nd.gov](http://dwr.nd.gov)) or contact the Regulatory Division at 701-328-2750 or [dwrregpermits@nd.gov](mailto:dwrregpermits@nd.gov).

- There are no FEMA National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) floodplains identified or mapped where the proposed project is to take place. No permits relative to the NFIP are likely required based on the current Flood Insurance Rate Map and State minimum standards. However, flood risk has been identified through the North Dakota Risk Assessment Mapservice and Base Level Engineering (BLE) ([ndram.dwr.nd.gov](http://ndram.dwr.nd.gov)). In the absence of FEMA NFIP data, BLE is often considered best available data and is recommended to be considered in the design process. The State of North Dakota has no formal NFIP permitting authority as all NFIP permitting decisions are considered by impacted NFIP participating communities, the community with zoning authority for the area in question. Please work directly with the local floodplain administrators of the zoning authorities impacted.

- Initial review indicates the project does not require a conditional or temporary permit for water appropriation. However, if surface water or groundwater will be diverted for construction of any future projects identified in the plan, a water permit will be required per North Dakota Century Code § 61-04-02. Please consult with the DWR Water Appropriation Division if you have any questions at 701-328-2754 or [appropinfo@nd.gov](mailto:appropinfo@nd.gov).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide review comments. Should you have further questions, please contact me at 701-328-4970 or [kyrkoski@nd.gov](mailto:kyrkoski@nd.gov).

Sincerely,



Kyle Yrkoski  
Planner III

KY:mg/1570

**NDDEQ**

August 11, 2025

Matt Eberl  
Senior Development Manager  
Homestead Wind, LLC  
8665 Hudson Blvd. North, Suite 110  
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Re: 256.5MW Homestead Wind Project in Williams County

Dear Mr. Eberl:

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (Department) has reviewed the information concerning the above-referenced project received at the Department on July 22, 2025, with respect to possible environmental impacts.

1. Necessary measures should be taken to minimize fugitive dust emissions created during construction activities. Any complaints that may arise should be dealt with in an efficient and effective manner.
2. Aggregate to be used for road construction should not contain any erionite. Aggregate sources should be tested for erionite following guidelines found at <https://deq.nd.gov/erionite>. For questions regarding erionite testing, please contact the Asbestos Program at 701-328-5166 or [asbestos@nd.gov](mailto:asbestos@nd.gov).
3. 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.
4. Projects disturbing one or more acres are required to have a permit to discharge stormwater runoff until the site is stabilized by the re-establishment of vegetation or other permanent cover. Further information on the stormwater permit may be obtained from the department's website or by calling the Division of Water Quality at 701-328-5210. Also, cities may impose additional requirements and/or specific best management practices for construction affecting their storm drainage system. Check with the local officials to be sure any local stormwater management considerations are addressed.

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5. The construction project does not overlie an aquifer; however, it is near a domestic well that is screened within 30 feet of the ground surface. 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 should be performed.
  
6. All solid waste materials must be managed and transported in accordance with the state's solid and hazardous waste rules. Appropriate efforts to reduce, reuse and/or recycle waste materials are strongly encouraged. As appropriate, segregation of inert waste from non-inert waste can generally reduce the cost of waste management. Further information on waste management and recycling is available from the Department's Division of Waste Management at 701-328-5166.

The Department owns no land in or adjacent to the proposed improvements, nor does it have any projects scheduled in the area. In addition, we believe the proposed activities are consistent with the State Implementation Plan for the Control of Air Pollution for the State of North Dakota.

If you have any questions regarding our comments, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,



Karl Rockeman, P.E., Deputy Director  
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality

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Attach.

**NDGS**

**From:** [Anderson, Fred J.](#)  
**To:** [Matt Eberl](#)  
**Subject:** N.D. Geological Survey: Comments on the Proposed Homestead Wind Project in Northwestern Williams County, North Dakota  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 29, 2025 11:14:54 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Mr. Eberl,

The NDGS appreciates the opportunity to review and provide comment on this proposed wind energy project.

We compared the footprint of the proposed project against our recently completed landslide mapping work in the area and did not note any landslide areas or any other geologic concerns at this location at this time.

Please contact our offices directly if you have any additional questions or comments regarding this review.

Regards,

**Fred J. Anderson**

*Surface Geology Section Manager*

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# **Williston Basin International Airport**

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**RE: Homestead Wind Notification Letter**

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**From** Matt Eberl <matt.eberl@apexcleanenergy.com>  
**Date** Wed 9/17/2025 9:10 AM  
**To** Anthony Dudas <anthonyd@ci.williston.nd.us>  
**Cc** Ryan O'Rear <RyanO@ci.williston.nd.us>

Hello Anthony,

Thank you for quick review and response of our letter. Homestead wind filed the 7460-1's on 9/16/25 with the FAA for the turbine locations. We estimate that within approximately 4 weeks, we should have the instrument flight procedures review to confirm there are no/negligible impacts to instrument approach/departure procedures at the Williston Basin Int. Airport (XWA). Also, during the construction process, the maximum tip height of the cranes (or other construction equipment) will not exceed the final tip height of the turbine.

We would be happy to get on a call with you after FAA flight procedures has had a chance to review. Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Matt Eberl

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**From:** Anthony Dudas <anthonyd@ci.williston.nd.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 16, 2025 10:19 AM  
**To:** Matt Eberl <matt.eberl@apexcleanenergy.com>  
**Cc:** Ryan O'Rear <RyanO@ci.williston.nd.us>  
**Subject:** RE: Homestead Wind Notification Letter

Good Morning Mr. Eberl,

Thank you for providing this information and I appreciate the opportunity to review this exciting development.

Can you confirm that each of these towers will have an FAA airspace study (FAA Form 7460)? The proposed development area is directly under the approach and departure path for our primary runway. I agree with the NDAC that once constructed, this is unlikely to have any impact on the airport's operation. However, I am unsure of construction means and methods for these structures and would like to confirm that crane operations, future maintenance needs, or other construction methods will have a limited or negligible impact on the Airport's approach procedures.

Attached you will find the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Williston and Williams County which is designed to protect the airspace surrounding the Williston Basin International Airport. If you reference page 31, you will find a map of the approaches to our primary runway with distances and minimum protected Mean Sea Level elevations for aircraft operations. I'd be happy to hop on a call or discuss this further. Otherwise, the FAA's 7460 process will confirm if there is any impact to these approach areas.

Kind Regards,



**Anthony Dudas, C.M.** | Airport Director  
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**From:** Matt Eberl <[matt.eberl@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:matt.eberl@apexcleanenergy.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 16, 2025 8:53 AM  
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Mr. Dudas,

Homestead Wind, LLC is in the process of developing up to 256.5 megawatts (MW) of new wind energy generation in Williams County, North Dakota (Project). The Aeronautics Commission recommended providing information regarding the Project to Williston Basin International Airport, as the closest public airport to the Project, and provided your contact information. Please see the attached letter providing information regarding the Project.

If you require further information or have questions or comments regarding this matter, please contact me at (434) 806-7692 or [Matt.Eberl@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:Matt.Eberl@apexcleanenergy.com).

Sincerely,  
Matt Eberl

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September 15, 2025

Williston Basin International Airport  
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[anthonyd@ci.williston.nd.us](mailto:anthonyd@ci.williston.nd.us)

RE: Information Regarding the up to 256.5-megawatt Homestead Wind Project in Williams County, North Dakota

Mr. Dudas,

Homestead Wind, LLC (Homestead Wind), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Apex Clean Energy Holdings, LLC (Apex), is in the process of developing up to 256.5 megawatts (MW) of new wind energy generation in Williams County, North Dakota (Project). Homestead Wind anticipates submitting an Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for the proposed Project to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC) in early 2026. The Project will interconnect to the grid at the existing Mountrail-Williams Electric Company Strandahl 115 kilovolt (kV) substation, located within the Project boundary, via a short (less than one mile in length) 115 kV generation interconnection line.

In July 2025, we sent a letter to the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission (Aeronautics Commission) providing information regarding the Project and requesting any comments. In a letter dated August 19, 2025, the Aeronautics Commission responded that “the Project would not have any significant impacts on airspace surrounding the airport.” The Aeronautics Commission also recommended providing information regarding the Project to Williston Basin International Airport, as the closest public airport to the Project, and provided your contact information. A copy of the Aeronautics Commission’s letter is enclosed.

The Project boundary is located approximately 6.8 miles northwest of the Williston Basin International Airport, and the nearest turbine location is approximately 7.5 miles northwest of the airport. We have enclosed a map that depicts the Preliminary Project Area within which turbines and associated facilities may be proposed.

The planned nameplate capacity for the Project is up to 256.5 MW. The Project’s permanent facilities will include:

- 81 turbine locations, with up to 67 turbines locations and associated equipment constructed;
- new gravel access roads and improvements to existing roads;
- underground electrical collection and communication lines;
- an operations and maintenance facility;
- a Project substation;
- an Aircraft Detection Lighting System and related equipment (subject to Federal Aviation Administration approval); and
- up to three permanent meteorological towers and/or Power Performance Testing towers and associated LiDAR units; and
- an overhead generation interconnection tie line.



The Project’s temporary facilities will include:

- staging/laydown areas for construction activities;
- batch plants;
- temporary improvements to existing roads, including driveways, for transport and access during construction; and
- crane paths to be used during construction.

The locations of Project components have not been finalized at this time. Table 1 provides the sections of land that Homestead Wind is evaluating for siting the Project.

County Name	Township Name	Township	Range	Section(s)
Williams	Climax	158N	103W	25, 36
	Good Luck	158N	102W	10, 13-15, 22-25, 29-31-34, 36
	Orthell	158N	101W	19, 30-31
	Strandahl	157N	103W	1, 12-13, 24
	Bonetrail	157N	102W	1-7, 9-23, 25-36
	Blacktail	157N	101W	6
	Bull Butte	156N	103W	1-2

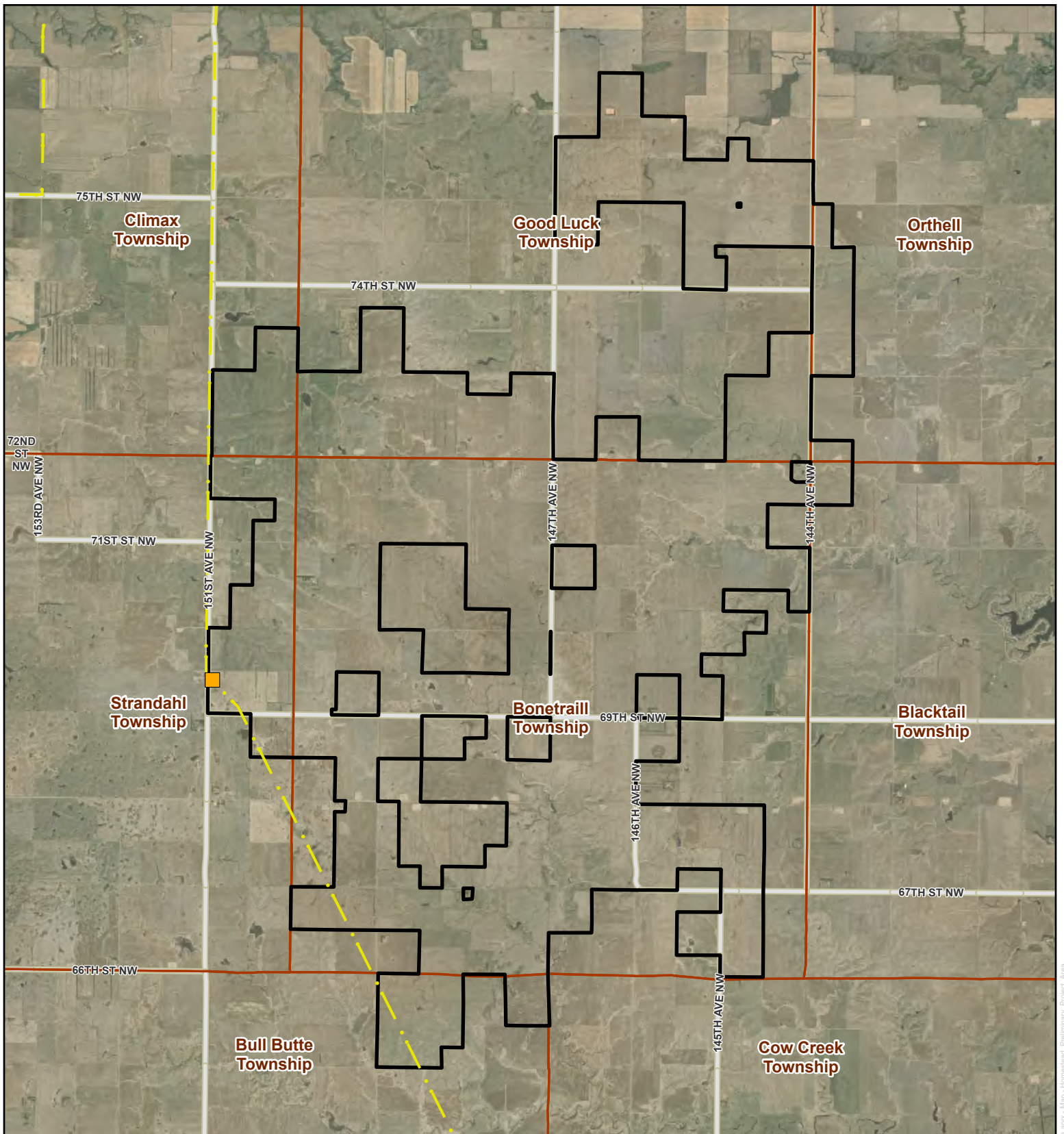
We welcome any comments you may have at this time and throughout the permit application process. Any written comments provided in response to this letter will be incorporated into the NDPSC’s review process.






If you require further information or have questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (434) 806-7692 or [Matt.Eberl@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:Matt.Eberl@apexcleanenergy.com).

Sincerely,

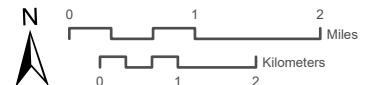
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Enc. Preliminary Project Area Map  
North Dakota Aeronautics Commission Comments



-  Preliminary Project Boundary
-  Existing Substation
-  Existing 115kV Transmission Line
-  County Road
-  Civil Township

**Homestead Wind**  
**Preliminary Project Area**  
**Williams County, North Dakota**



# **Williams County Weed Board**

**From:** [Tom Leo](#)  
**To:** [Matt Eberl](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Homestead Wind Development; Williams County  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 15, 2025 8:07:37 AM

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Good morning Matt,

The proposed Weed Management Plan you have proposed appears complete and accurate. On behalf of the Williams County Weed Board, I approve the WMP and trust it will be followed through with for the life span of the construction, production and reclamation at the end of the life of the project.

If you have questions or need assistance during the project, please contact the Williams County Weed Board and we will be happy to help.

Thank You,  
Tom Leo

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**From:** Matt Eberl <[matt.eberl@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:matt.eberl@apexcleanenergy.com)>  
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In conjunction with preparing the county and state permit applications, we have prepared a Draft Noxious Weed Management and Control Plan for the Project. A copy is attached for your review and comment.

If you require further information or have questions regarding the Project or Draft Noxious Weed Management and Control Plan, please contact me at (434) 806-7692 or [Matt.Eberl@apexcleanenergy.com](mailto:Matt.Eberl@apexcleanenergy.com).

Sincerely,

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