

***APPENDIX E
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First Name	Last Name	Title	Organization Name	Address Line 1	Address Line 2	City	State	Postal Code
		Deputy Regional Director - Indian Services	Bureau of Indian Affairs	Great Plains Regional Office	115 4th Ave. SE	Aberdeen	SD	57401
		District Ranger	Black Hills National Forest	Northern Hills Ranger District	2014 N Main St	Spearfish	SD	57783
Pine	Abrahamson		Bowman County Commissioners	14310 98th St SW		Bowman	ND	58623
Fred	Adams		Basin Electric Power Coop	1717 E Interstate Ave		Bismarck	ND	58503
Margaret	Ahlness					Bowman	ND	58623
Hans	Ahlness		Weather Modification, Inc.	3802 20th St N		Fargo	ND	58102
Qusi	Al-Haj		Senator Thune	1313 W Main St		Rapid City	SD	57701
Rayford	Anderson					Buffalo	SD	57720
Dave	Anderson		SDDOT Aeronautics	700 E Broadway Ave		Pierre	SD	57501
Craig	Appleman					Broadus	MT	59317
Max	Arnett	Manager	Bowman Municipal Airport	Box 198		Bowman	ND	58623
Jim	Atchison					Colstrip	MT	59323
John & Therese	Baldwin		Baldwin Ranch Co.	HC 78 Box 110		Ismay	MT	59336
Dallis	Basel					Union Center	SD	57787
Michael	Beason		CAP	5172 Ridgeview Rd		Rapid City	SD	57701
Jon	Becker		South Dakota Department of Transportation	Local Transportation Programs	700 E Broadway	Pierre	SD	57501
Ken	Beltz					Boyes	MT	59316
Duane	Berke		TDO Aviation	7709 Blue Bird Ln		Black Hawk	SD	57718
Kate	Bertin		Independent Press	PO Box 106		Forsyth	MT	59327
Leslie	Best		Davidson Cattle Co	HC 74 Box 120		Big Horn	MT	59010
Bill	Bickel					Miles City	MT	59301
Leland	Black		Bureau of Indian Affairs	PO Box 40		Lame Deer	MT	59043
Cedric	Black Eagle					Crow Agency	MT	59022
Larry	Blacksmith					Crow Agency	MT	59022
Hubert	Blackwolf					Lame Deer	MT	59043
Clark	Blake					Belle Fourche	SD	57717
Kathy	Bockness		Bureau of Land Management	111 Garryowen Rd		Miles City	MT	59301
Jay	Bodner	Director of Natural Resources	Montana Stockgrowers Assoc	420 N California		Helena	MT	59601
Gregg	Bourland		Bureau of Indian Affairs	Box 325		Eagle Butte	SD	57625
James	Bragg					Bowman	ND	58623
Steve	Brandt		Sarpy Ranch			Hysham	MT	59038
	Brence Family					Ekalaka	MT	59324
Eugene	Brooks					Bowman	ND	58623-

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Paul	Brooks		Slope County Comm	14504 74th St SW		Bowman	ND	58623
Daniel	Brothers		North Dakota Atmospheric Research Board	900 E Boulevard Ave		Bismarck	ND	58505
Lee	Brown		Mitre	7515 Colshire Dr	MSN 560	McLean	VA	22102
Rory	Brown Wolf		CRST Cultural Preservation	PO Box 590		Eagle Butte	SD	57625
Ralph	Brownfield					Hammond	MT	59332
David	Brumsvold		Wind Capital Group	108 5th St N		Northwood	IA	50459
Kevin	Bucholz		North Winds Lodge	Box 500		Bowman	MT	58623
Bill	Bullard	CEO	R-CALF United Stockgrowers of America	PO Box 30715		Billings	MT	59107
Mark	Burke		Basin Electric	925 Crescent Ln		Bismarck	ND	58501
Kathleen	Burrage					Crow Agency	MT	59022
E. Lindsey	Butler	Acting Manager, Planning/Programming Branch	FAA-Great Lakes Region	Airports Division - AGL-610	2300 E Devon	Des Plaines	IL	60018
Christine	Carter					Sheridan	WY	82801
Lorne	Cass		RTCA/NWA	7200 34th Ave S	Dept F7001	Minneapolis	MN	55450
Fulton & Betty	Castleberry	Manager	Castleberry Airport	Box 25		Ekalaka	MT	59324
Ron	Clapsaddle					Elgin	ND	58533
Ernest	Clark					Spearfish	SD	57783
Nici Meyer	Clarkson					Bowman	ND	58623
Perry	Clausen		Southwest Airlines	PO Box 36611	HDQ 8FO	Dallas	TX	75235
Thomas "T.C."	Coble		St. Vincent Help Flight	1233 N 30th St		Billings	MT	59101
Ardys	Cook		CRST Council	PO Box 590		Eagle Butte	SD	57625
Andrew	Cook		Rapid City Journal	507 Main St		Rapid City	SD	57701
Barry	Cooper	Great Lakes Regional Administrator	AGL-1 FAA Great Lakes Region Headquarters	O'Hare Lake Office Center	2300 E Devon Ave	Des Plaines	IL	60018
Greg	Cornett					Hulett	WY	82720
Rachel	Court		Senator Jon Tester	222 N 32nd St		Billings	MT	59101
Steve	Craddock					Miles City	MT	59301
Sonja	Crocker					Rosebud	MT	59347
Bonnie	Crow		Bison School	PO Box 9		Bison	SD	57620
Russ	Dahl	President	Montana Pilots' Association	498 BIA RT 1		Nashua	MT	59248
Milo	Dailey		Belle Fourche Post/Bee	614 State St		Belle Fourche	SD	57717
Luann	Dart	Director	Grant County Job Development Authority	PO Box 309		Elgin	ND	58533

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Tom	Davis					Belle Fourche	SD	57717
Tommy	Dawes					Crow Agency	MT	59022
Pat	Dennis	Manager	St. Labre Airport	PO Box 77		Ashland	MT	59003
Al	Dial	Mayor	Box Elder City Hall	520 N Ellsworth Road, #9C		Box Elder	SD	57719
Rod	Diede		Bowman County	107 9th Ave NW		Bowman	ND	58623
Ted	Dilse	Manager/Owner	Dilse Pvt Airstrip Airport	7603 135th Ave SW		Scranton	ND	58653
Delbert	Dinstel		MT Pilots Assoc	PO Box 2484		Colstrip	MT	59323
Patricia L.	Dressler	Environmental Protection Specialist	Bismarck Airports District Office	2301 University Drive Building 23B		Bismarck	ND	58504
Fred	Drga					Ismay	MT	59336
Greg	Dyer		FAA, Denver ARTCC	2211 17th Ave		Longmont	CO	80501
Russell	Eagle Bear	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	Rosebud Sioux Tribe	PO Box 809		Rosebud	SD	57570
Chuck	Eagleman					Lame Deer	MT	59043
Marge	Eagleman		Bureau of Indian Affairs-NCA	PO Box 40		Lame Deer	MT	59043
Monte	Eayrs					Fallon	MT	59326
Norm	Edwards					Spearfish	SD	57783
Bailey	Egan		MT Pilots Assoc	7 Egan Ln		Forsyth	MT	59327
Gerald	Ellis		Ellis Ranch			Miles City	MT	59301
Jim	Englehart					Bison	SD	57620
Karen	Englehart					Bison	SD	57620
Rich	Erickson	Fire Chief	Rhame Volunteer Fire Department	PO Box 95		Rhame	ND	58651
John & Corinne	Erickson					Bison	SD	57620
Nancy	Espy	Chairman	Powder River County Commissioners	PO Box 200		Broadus	MT	59317-0200
Jeff	Faught		North Dakota Game and Fish Department	100 N Bismarck Expressway		Bismarck	ND	58504
Mike	Ferguson		AOPA	4 Airport Dr		Townsend	MT	59644
Dorothy	Fire Cloud		Devil's Tower National Park	Hwy 110 Bldg 170		Devils Tower	WY	82714
Conrad	Fisher					Lame Deer	MT	59043
Tracy	Fruit					Broadus	MT	59317
Dean	Fulmer		FAA Minneapolis	512 Division St.		Farmington	MN	55024
D. Keith	Gaaskjolen					Meadow	SD	57644
Zachary	Gaaskjolen					Black Hawk	SD	57718
Kevin	Gappert		MT Bureau of Land Management	PO Box 1765		Miles City	MT	59301

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Kevin	Gappert		Bureau of Land Management	111 Garryowen Rd		Miles City	MT	59301
Glenn	Gay		Gay Ranch, Inc.			Broadus	MT	59317
Ray & Linda	Gilbert		South Dakota Stockgrowers	PO Box 166		Buffalo	SD	57720
Kathy	Glines		Harding County	PO Box 26		Buffalo	SD	57720
Pete	Gober	Field Supervisor	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	South Dakota Ecological Services Field Office	420 S. Garfield Avenue, Suite 400	Pierre	SD	57501-5408
Marvin	Gookin					Baker	MT	59313
Paul	Gremse		Butte County Veterans Service Office	830 6th Ave		Belle Fourche	SD	57717
Richard	Grosskopf		Landmark of Billings, Inc.	1925 Grand Ave, Ste 144		Billings	MT	59102
Jim	Hamilton					Decker	MT	59025
Michael	Hamilton					Sheridan	WY	82801
Greg	Hampshire		Wyoming Dept of Transportation, Aeronautics Division	5300 Bishop Blvd		Cheyenne	WY	82009-3340
Michael	Hannigan		FAA AJR HAAM	2300 E Devon		Des Plaines	IL	60018
Bernard & Catherine	Hansen					Forsyth	MT	59327
Terry & Deborah	Hanson					Miles City	MT	59801
Deborah	Hanson					Miles City	MT	59301
Marian	Hanson					Ashland	MT	59003
Rick	Hanson		Congresswoman Herseth Sandlin	1823 W Main St		Rapid City	SD	57702
Denise	Hartse		Miles City Star	PO Box 743		Miles City	MT	59301
Misty	Hays		U.S. Forest Service	2250 E Richards St		Douglas	WY	82633
Raymond	Hech					Lame Deer	MT	59043
George & Sydney	Hegge				4309 West River Rd	Medora	ND	58645
Robert	Helmer					Rapid City	SD	57702
John	Helms					Buffalo	SD	57720
Scott	Hemmer					Broadus	MT	59317
Makenzi	Henderson		KOTA-TV	518 St Joseph St		Rapid City	SD	57701-2717
Lynetta	Henderson					Buffalo	SD	57720
Ralph	Henning		MDU Resources Group Inc	PO Box 5650		Bismarck	ND	58506
Brooke	Hershey					Bison	SD	57620
Stephanie	Hester		National Parks Conservation Association	Northern Rockies Regional Office	PO Box 824	Helena	MT	59624
Kenny	Hill		Big Horn, Inc.	4831 US Hwy 82 West		Ty Ty	GA	31795

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Jill	Hill					Tifton	GA	31793
Milas & E.A.	Hills					Colstrip	MT	59323
Virginia	Hoenke					Ismay	MT	59336
Alice	Holcomb					Buffalo	SD	57720
Bob	Hollister		MT Pilots Assoc	Box 1211		Forsyth	MT	59327
Clayton	Hornung	Mayor	City of Baker	PO Box 1512		Baker	MT	59313
Paige	Hoskinson Olson	Review and Compliance Coordinator	Department of Tourism and State Development	711 E Wells Avenue		Pierre	SD	57501-3369
Marc	Hotchkiss					Reva	SD	57651
Gary	Huckins					Miles City	MT	59301
Ron	Jablonski		U.S. Forest Service	99 23rd Ave W, Ste B		Dickinson	ND	58601
Jim	Jandreau		Bear Butte State Park	PO Box 688		Sturgis	SD	57785
Jerry	Janurin		Aerial Hunting	HC 67 Box 23		Buffalo	SD	57720
Jerry	Jeffers		Bowman-Slope Soil Conservation District	PO Box 920		Bowman	ND	58623
Ray	Jilek	Manager	Black Hills-Clyde Ice Field Airport	300 Aviation Pl.		Spearfish	SD	57783
Gary	Johnson		Buffalo Town Board	Box 66		Buffalo	SD	57720
Sheldon	Johnson					Sheridan	WY	82801
Phil & Peggy	Johnson					Fort Shaw	MT	59443
Russell & Cara	Jorgensen					Forsyth	MT	59327
Marvin	Kammeren					Rapid City	SD	57701
Marvin	Kammerer					Rapid City	SD	57701
Charles	Kane		SR Cattle Co.			Sheridan	WY	82801
David	Kane	President	Sheridan County Stockgrowers			Decker	MT	59025
Rod	Kelly		Kelly Ranch			Ismay	MT	59336
Rex	Kelsch		Mott Airport Authority	PO Box 236		Mott	ND	58646
Jackie	King		U.S. Rep. Barbara Cubin	Box 44003		Casper	WY	82620
William	Koepplin					Elgin	ND	58553
Shane & Kathy	Kolb					Meadow	SD	57644
Steve	Kozel		U.S. Forest Service	Box 680		Sundance	WY	82729
L.A. & Norma	Kraemer					Deadwood	SD	57732
Anna	LaBree					Ekalaka	MT	59324
Bruce	Lambert		Ekalaka Eagle Newspaper	PO Box 66		Ekalaka	MT	59324
Sylvia	Lamberth					Interior	SD	57750-0078

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Bob	Lamond		NBAA	5300 Lindsay St		Fairfax	VA	22032
Bill & Katie	Lane		Crescent Cross Ranch			Ismay	MT	59336
Thomas	Lane		Rancher's for the Environment	Box 1238		Livingston	MT	59047
Darin	Langerud	Director	North Dakota Atmospheric Resource Board	900 E Boulevard Ave, Dept 410		Bismarck	ND	58505-0850
Danny	Lanning	Owner	Lanning Ranch Airport	200 Lanning Trail		Alzada	MT	59311
Gene	Larson					Miles City	MT	59301
Robin	LeBeau					Eagle Butte	SD	57625
Kenneth	Lee					Sturgis	SD	57785
Pete	Lehmann	Government Analyst Air Traffic Services	Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association	421 Aviation Way		Frederick	MD	21701-4798
Fred	LeLacheur	Senior Airport Engineer	Morrison-Maierle Inc.	1 Engineering Place		Helena	MT	59602
Marcia	Leslie					Sheridan	WY	82801
Aaron	Levorsen					Elgin	ND	58533
Carlton	Levorsen					Elgin	ND	58533
Kelly	Lorge					Bowman	ND	58623
Thomas	Lubnau II	Representative	State Representative	4 Cherokee Circle		Gillette	WY	82718
Tom	Luoma					Baker	MT	59313
Tom	Lutey		Billings Gazette	PO Box 36300		Billings	MT	59107-6300
Joe & Kandi	Luther					Big Horn	MT	59010
Dave	Madel					Biddle	MT	59314
Jim	Magagna	Executive Vice President	Wyoming Stock Growers Assoc	PO Box 206		Cheyenne	WY	82003
Mel & Eleanor	Marousek					Belle Fourche	SD	57717
Gary J.	Martin					Glasgow	MT	59230
Phillip	Mason					Sundance	WY	82729
Mark	Masters		Bureau of Indian Affairs-Fire	PO Box 40		Lame Deer	MT	59043
Tim	Matuszewski		United Airlines	1200 E Algonquin Rd.		Elk Grove Village	IL	60007
William	Mayo		Mayo Aviation	Box 544		Colstrip	MT	59323
John	McAulay		McAulay Ranch			Terry	MT	59349
Jimmy & Erna	McClure					Sheridan	WY	82801-0744
Pat	McElgunn		Rapid City Chamber of Commerce	PO Box 747		Rapid City	SD	57709
Elizabeth	McFarland		U.S. Forest Service	PO Box 168		Ashland	MT	59003
Lloyd	McKeown					Rhame	ND	58651
Roger	Megggers	Manager	Baker Municipal Airport	315 4th St SW		Baker	MT	59313

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Darin	Meggers		Baker Air Service	PO Box 979		Baker	MT	59313
Frank & Charlene	Mehling		Medicine Rocks Ranch			Baker	MT	59313
Stan	Michals		GFP	3305 W South		Rapid City	SD	57702
Kyle	Michels					Elgin	ND	58533
Robert	Miller		North Dakota Aeronautics Commission	Box 64		Casselton	ND	58012
John	Miller	Surface Water Quality Program	SD DENR PMB 2020	Joe Foss Building	523 E Capitol	Pierre	SD	57501
Sheri	Miner		Tribal Land Office	PO Box 590		Eagle Butte	SD	57625
Bob	Morland		Bowman County Airport	15 S Main		Bowman	ND	58603
Charles	Murphy	Chairman	Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council	PO Box D		Fort Yates	ND	58538
Dan	Nelson					Meadows	SD	57644
Jack	Nesbit		Custer County	1010 Main St		Miles City	MT	59301
Gary	Ness		ND Aero Commission	Box 5020		Bismarck	ND	58502
Myra	Niederman		Grant County News	PO Box 100		Elgin	ND	58533
David	Niemi					Buffalo	SD	57720
Kevin	Nolan		FAA, WSA OPS Support (ATA3)	1601 Lind Ave SW		Renton	WA	98057
Steven J.	Obenauer	Manager	Bismarck Airports District Office	Federal Aviation Administration	2301 University Drive, Building 23B	Bismarck	ND	58504
Mary	Ogdahl					Miles City	MT	59301
Lee	Old Bear		Bureau of Indian Affairs - Fire	PO Box 40		Lame Deer	MT	59043
Darrin	Old Coyote					Crow Agency	MT	59022
Allen	Old Horn					Crow Agency	MT	59022
Allen	Olson					Box Elder	SD	57719
Frank & Dianne	O'Neill					Miles City	MT	59301
Tom & Lillian	Ostendorf					Powderville	MT	59345
Merlan	Paaverud, Jr.	State Historic Preservation Officer	State Historical Society of North Dakota	612 East Boulevard Avenue		Bismarck	ND	58505-0830
Dean & Gloria	Parks					Ekalaka	MT	59324
Dean	Pearson		Bowman County	104 1st St NW		Bowman	ND	58623
Kent	Pennington					Big Horn	MT	59010
Donna Rae	Petersen		CRST Cultural Preservation	PO Box 590		Eagle Butte	SD	57625
Ole	Peterson					Colstrip	MT	59323
Ellen	Pfister					Shepherd	MT	59079
Dwight	Pladsen					Rapid City	SD	57702

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Stan	Pope					Bowman	ND	58623
Stephen	Potts		U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 - Montana Office	10 W 15th St, Ste. 3200		Helena	MT	59626
Ted & Bonnie	Quade					Broadus	MT	59317
Jeff	Rader					Bozeman	MT	59771
Cindy	Radue					Miles City	MT	59301-9603
Chris	Rankin		U.S. Forest Service	2250 E Richards St		Douglas	WY	82633
Deb	Ranum		Fallon County Commissioners	10 W Fallon		Baker	MT	59313
Michael	Rath					Spearfish	SD	57783
Grove	Rathbun	President	South Dakota Pilots Association	1265 Duffer Drive		Rapid City	SD	57702
Grace	Rea					Bowman	ND	58623
Monte	Reder					Miles City	MT	59301
Steve	Reid		U.S. Forest Service	5765 W Broadway		Missoula	MT	59808
Fred	Reinhardt					Billings	MT	59102
James	Renner					Ismay	MT	59336
Donald	Rieger		Fallon County Commissioners	10 West Fallon	PO Box 846	Baker	MT	59313-0846
Paul	Ringling		Ringling Ranch Ltd Part	PO Box 1029		Miles City	MT	59301
Greg & Mary Jo	Roberts	Manager	Diamond Ring Ranch			Terry	MT	59349
Jerome	Roehrich					New Leipzig	ND	58562
Joell	Romick		Meade County Admin.	1425 Sherman St		Sturgis	SD	57785
Steve	Rosencranz		Carter County Commissioner	470 Larson Loop Rd		Hammond	MT	59332
Dennis	Roth					Elgin	ND	58533
Michael	Ruff					Broadus	MT	59317
Robert & Wilma	Rusley		S-X Ranch			Baker	MT	59313
Dona	Rutherford		Devils Tower National Monument	Box 10		Devils Tower	WY	82714
J.D. & Christi	Ryen					Prairie City	SD	57649
Donald	Sales					Decker	MT	59025
Brad	Sauer					Miles City	MT	59301
Rod	Schaaf					Bowman	ND	58623
James	Schaeffer		Consolidated Power Producers, Inc	PO Box 256		Webster	SD	57274
Teresa	Schanzenbach		Chamber of Commerce	415 5th Ave		Belle Fourche	SD	57717
Duane & Gail	Schatz					Elgin	ND	58533
Evonna	Schelling		Sundance Times	PO Box 102		Moorcroft	WY	82721

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Milo	Schindler					Rapid City	SD	57703
Norman	Schock	Mayor	City of Elgin	309 3rd Ave NW		Elgin	ND	58533
Gary	Schroeder		EAA/CAR	310 St. Francis		Rapid City	SD	57701
Kenny	Schultz					Ekalaka	MT	59324
Brian	Schwend	Manager	Schwend Flying Service	PO Box 45		Forsyth	MT	59327
Jack	Schwend					Rosebud	MT	59347
Sherri	Schwenke		U.S. Forest Service	240 W Century		Bismarck	ND	58501
Jon	Scrapler					Fargo	ND	58103
Richard	Seidel					Bison	SD	57620
Craig	Shaver	Chair, Property Rights Committee	South Dakota Stockgrowers Assoc	426 St Joseph St		Rapid City	SD	57701
Rico	Short		FAA, Air Traffic Control Command Center	13600 Eds Dr, #100		Herndon	VA	20175
Wade	Sikorski					Baker	MT	59313
Geri	Small	President	Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council	PO Box 128		Lame Deer	MT	59043
Richard	Smith					Redig	SD	57776
Val	Snyder					Sheridan	WY	82801
Raydelle	Sperle					Reva	SD	57651
Roger	Sprague					Forsyth	MT	59327
Virginia	Sprague					Colstrip	MT	59327
Ashley	Stanhope		Farmers Union Oil Co	Box 1199		Baker	MT	59313
Mark	Stelter		NLEDC	PO Box 52		New Leipzig	ND	58562
Wally	Stephens		Nation's Center News	Box 107		Buffalo	SD	57720
Daryl & Geraldine	Storm					Meadow	SD	57644
Eric	Strohacker		Weather Modification, Inc.	3802 20th St N		Fargo	ND	58102
Ryan	Sundberg		Bureau of Land Management	Box 37 BLM Fire		Camp Crook	SD	57724
Larry	Svoboda	NEPA Program Chief	US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8	1595 Wynkoop Street		Denver	CO	80202-1129
Adrienne	Swallow	Environmental Protection Specialist	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	PO Box D		Ft Yates	ND	58538
Larry	Taborsky		North Dakota Aeronautics Commission (NDAC)	2301 University Dr., Building 1652-22	PO Box 5020	Bismarck	ND	58502
Jacob	Tall Bull					Lame Deer	MT	59043
Gary & Jean	Tennant	Owner	Tennant Ranch Airport	HC 59, Box 15		Camp Crook	SD	57724
Dustin	Tenold					Reva	SD	57651
David	Thiele		North Dakota National Guard	Fraine Barracks		Bismarck	ND	58504

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Jeff	Tichenor		FAA Denver TRACON	26705 E. 68th Ave		Denver	CO	80249
Greg	Tober		Help Flight	12736 Canyon Creek Rd		Molt	MT	59057
Clarence	Ulmer					Belle Fourche	SD	57717
William & Juanita	Unhoch					Sheridan	WY	82801
Wayne	VanDeGraaff		FAA, SLC ARTCC	700 N 2150 W		Salt Lake City	UT	84116
Trent	VanderBoom		Clear Wind	510 Jackson St		Belle Fourche	MT	57717
J. Liessman	Vantine		Crownbutte Wind Power, Inc	111 5th Ave NE		Mandan	ND	58554
Carl	Venne	Chairman	Crow Tribal Council	PO Box 159		Crow Agency	MT	59022
Charles	Verhulst					Reva	SD	57651
Ben	VerWolf					Broadus	MT	59317
Chuck & Colleen	Vetter					Elgin	ND	58533
Bill	Vroman					Buffalo	SD	57720
Larry	Vroman					Buffalo	SD	57720
Ken	Wabaunsee		U.S. Forest Service	5765 W Broadway St.		Missoula	MT	59808
Dean	Wagner					Ralph	SD	57650
Bob	Walters		CRST Council	PO Box 590		Eagle Butte	SD	57625
Dean	Wang		Bank of Baker	PO Box 739		Baker	MT	59313
Warren	Wash	Manager	Broadus Airport	Box 394		Broadus	MT	59317
Pauline	Webb		West River Eagle	Box 210		Eagle Butte	SD	57625
Jeanne	Whalen		Crook Co. WY Land Use Planning	3961 Hwy 24		Aladdin	WY	82710
Glen	White		Hysham Airport	521 Summit		Hysham	MT	59038
Dennis	White					Forsyth	MT	59327
Marcus	White Bull		U.S. Forest Service	PO Box 37		Camp Crook	SD	57724
Virginia	Whitefeather					Dupree	SD	57623
Dean	Wink		Meade County Commissioner Dist 1	PO Box 137		Howes	SD	57748
Mike	Wobbema		North Dakota National Guard	Fraine Barracks		Bismarck	ND	58504
David	Wolfskill		Eagle Aviation	300 Aviation Pl		Spearfish	SD	57783
Bert & Helen	Woods					Ashland	MT	59003
Jason	Woolston					Baker	MT	59313
Noel	Young					Sheridan	WY	82801
Phyllis	Young					Ft Yates	ND	58538
Clayton	Zacher					Elgin	ND	58533
Penny	Zimmerman		Senator Jon Tester	122 W Towne St		Glendive	MT	59330

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MEMORANDUM FOR U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
134 Union Blvd
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FROM: HQ ACC/A7P
129 Andrews Street, Suite 122
Langley AFB VA 23665-2769

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Sincerely,


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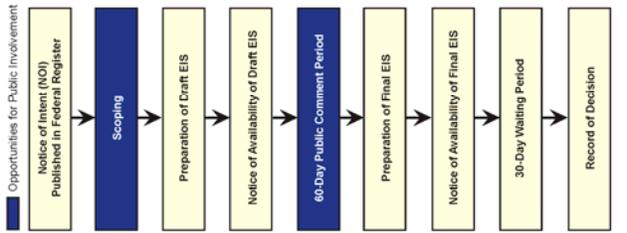
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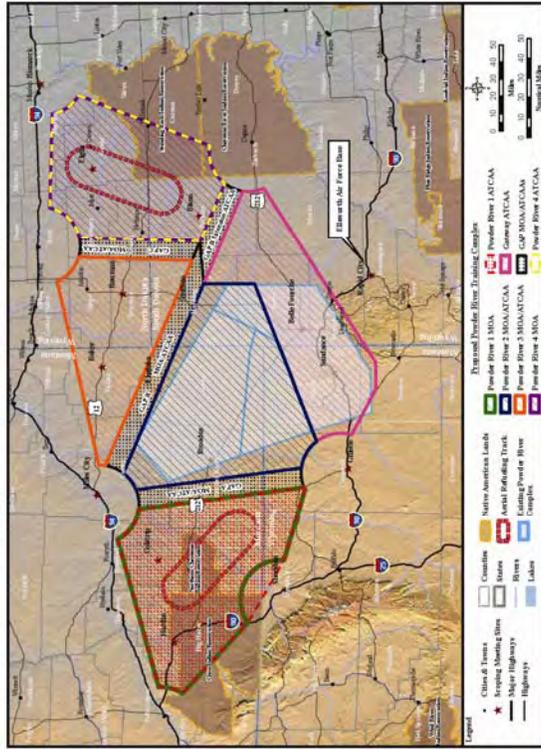
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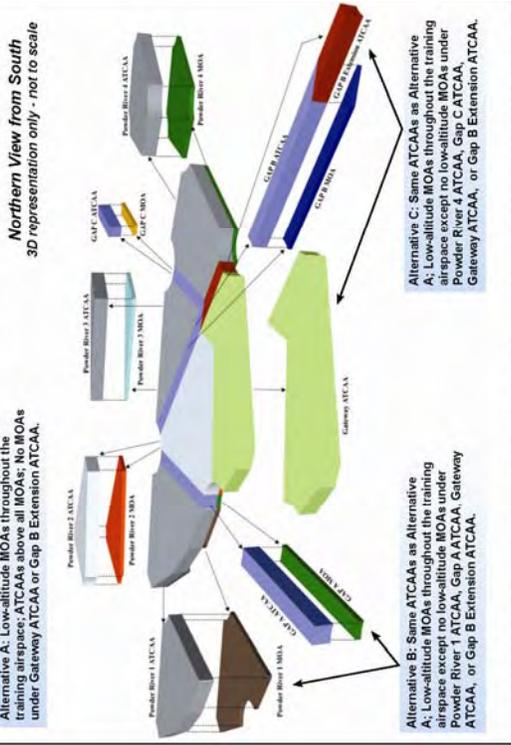
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Powder River



Powder River Training Complex • Environmental Impact Statement

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North Entrance
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Montana

Hardin
Monday, June 23
Hardin Chamber of Commerce
10 E. Railroad Street

Colstrip
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Isabel Bills Community
Learning Center,
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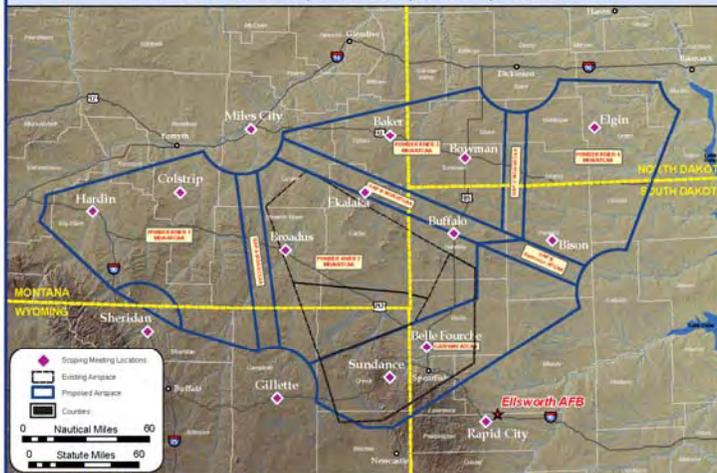
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1015 South Third Street West

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Ellsworth AFB Proposed Airspace Expansion Area



For more information about the meeting contact:

28th Bomb Wing
Ellsworth AFB, Public Affairs
(605) 385-5056

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SAMPLE IICEP LETTER 2



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR COMBAT COMMAND
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JUN 3 2008

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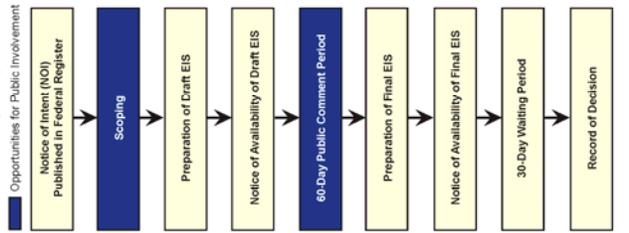
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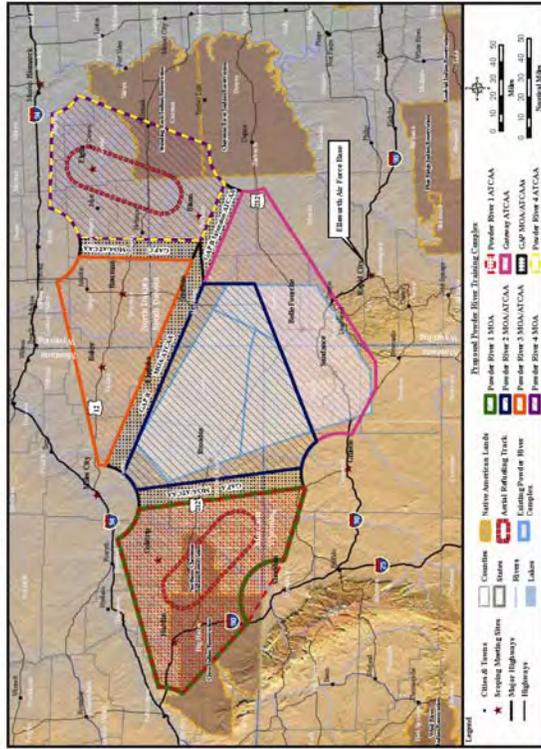
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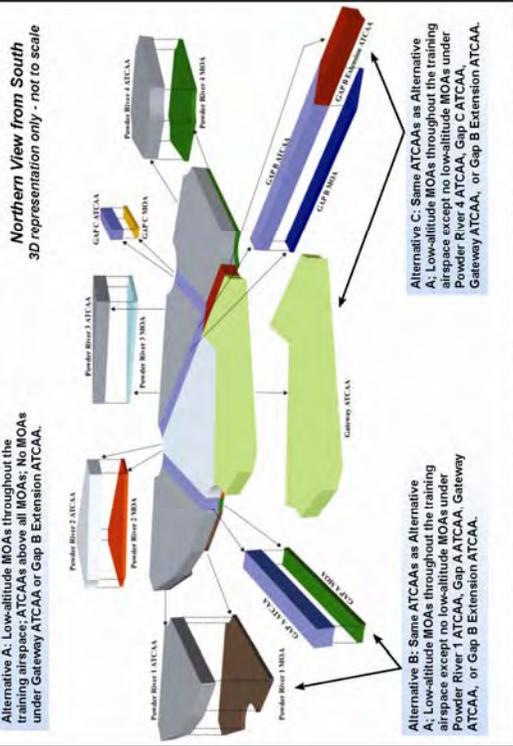
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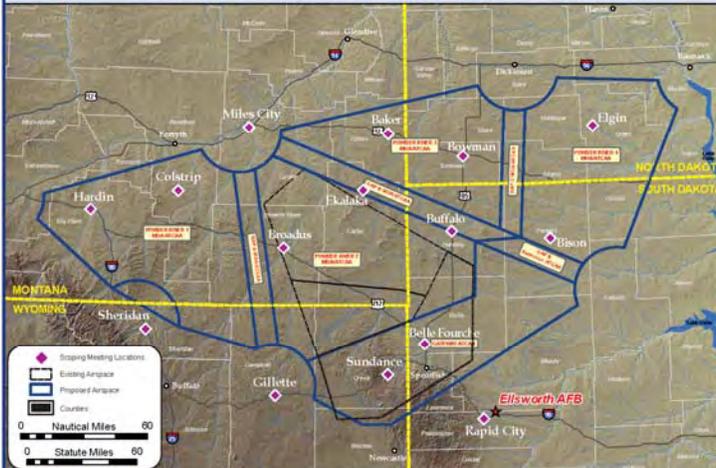
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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The Honorable Jerry Jimison
City of Glendive
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Sincerely


BRUCE W. MACDONALD, P.E.
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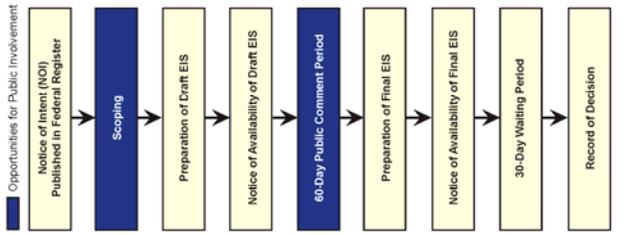
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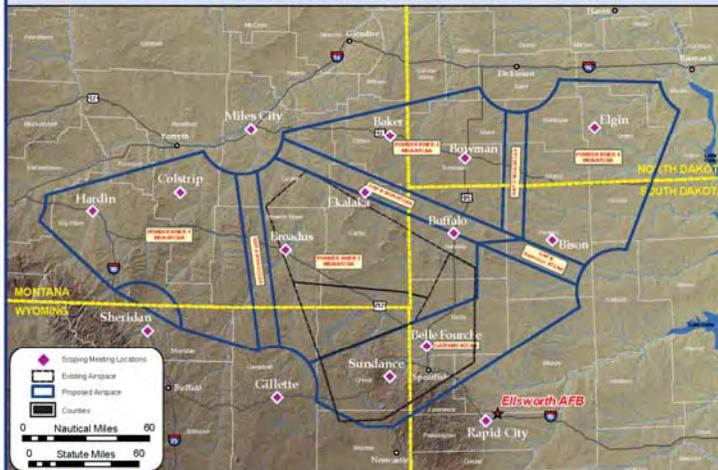
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR COMBAT COMMAND
LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA

JUN 3 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR Bureau of Indian Affairs
Standing Rock Agency
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FROM: HQ ACC/A7P
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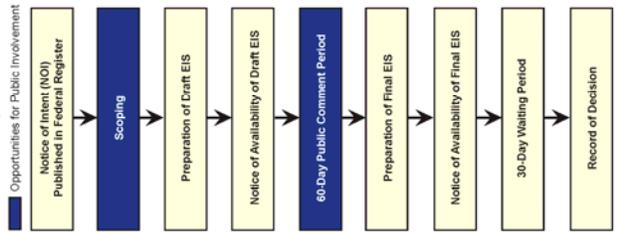
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Powder River Training Complex • Environmental Impact Statement

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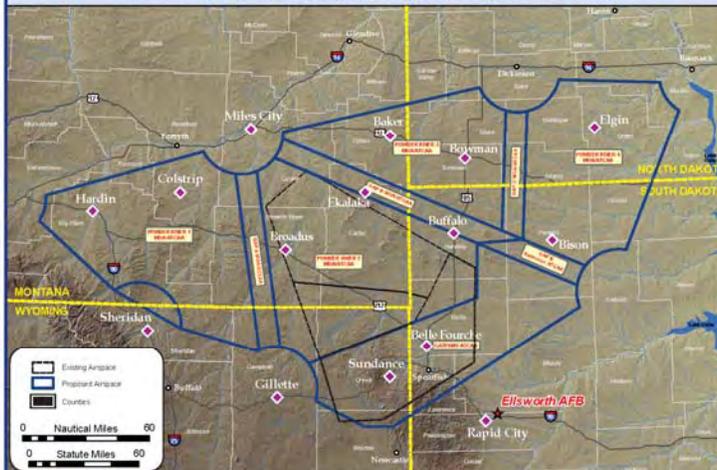
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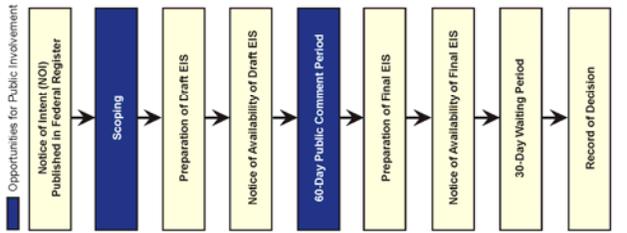
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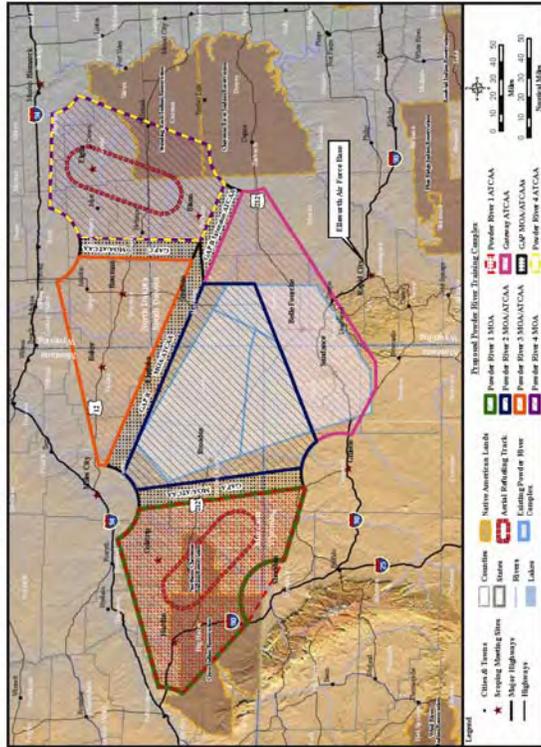
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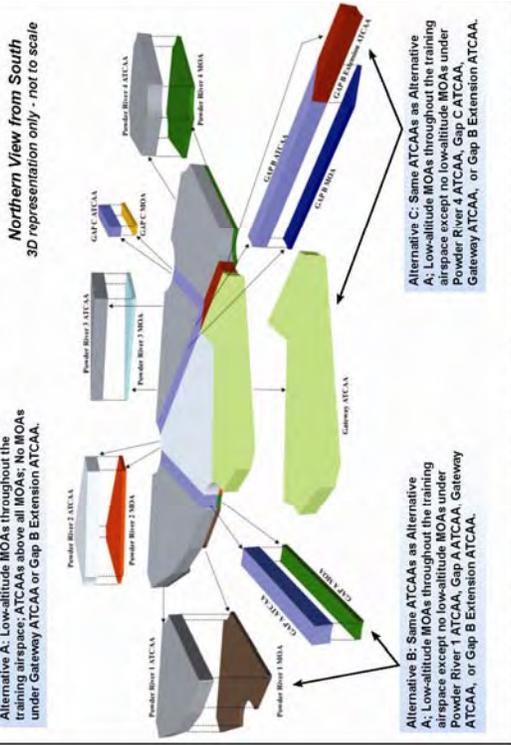
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Proposed Action: Create Powder River Training Complex (PRTC)



Northern View from South
3D representation only - not to scale

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Alternative A Continued

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Please Attend!

**Scoping Meetings for the Powder River Training Complex (PRTC)
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

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- Learn more about the proposal
- Provide community-specific input
- Be included on our mailing list

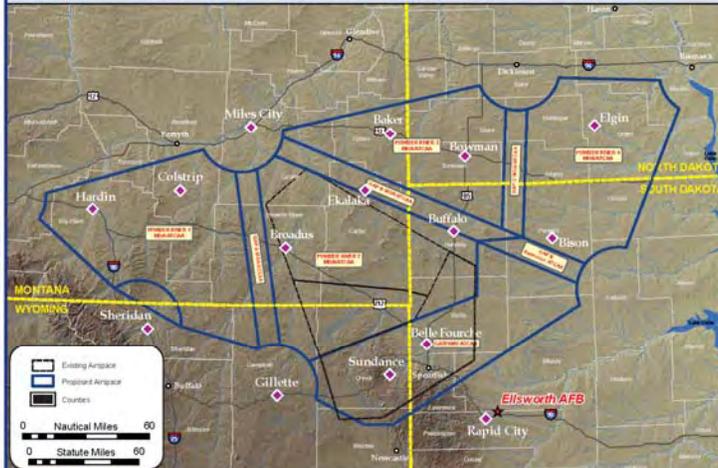


Community Scoping Meetings

Public invited to attend at any time. Information will be available throughout.

South Dakota	Wyoming	Montana	North Dakota
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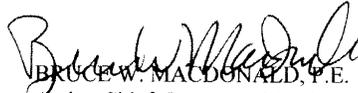
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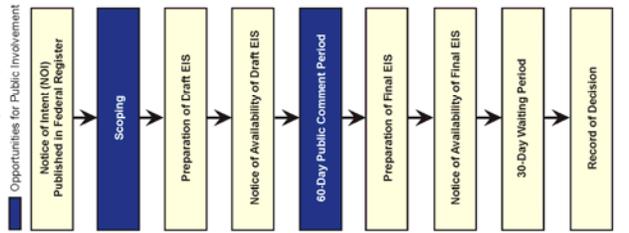
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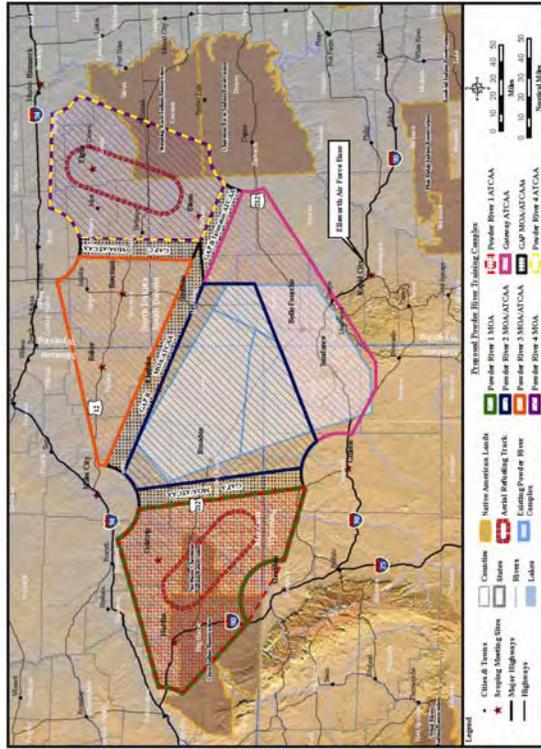
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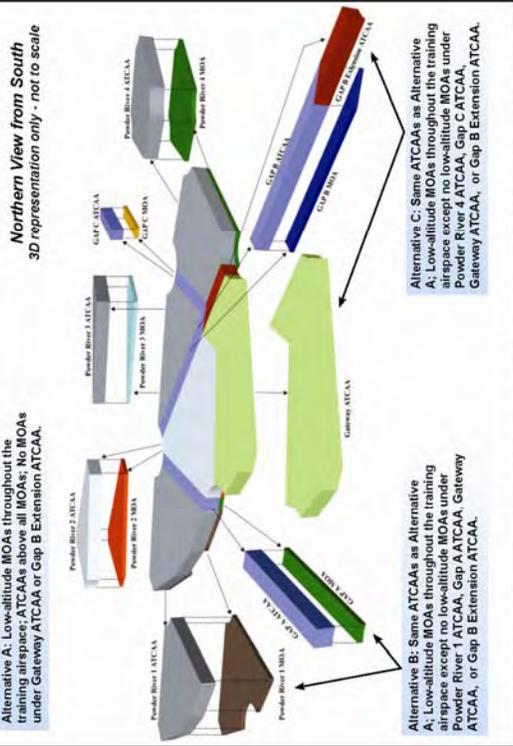
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Alternative C

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No-Action Alternative

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Powder River



Powder River Training Complex • Environmental Impact Statement

Please Attend!

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Bison School Cafeteria
200 East Carr Street

Dupres
Wednesday, July 16, 2008
4 - 7 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Building
Rodeo Drive, Highway 212
West Side

Wyoming

Gillette
Thursday, June 19, 2008
4 - 7 p.m.
Campbell County
Fire Department
106 Rohan Avenue

Sheridan
Friday, June 20, 2008
4 - 7 p.m.
Sheridan Senior Center
North Entrance
211 Smith Street

Montana

Crow Agency
Monday, June 23, 2008
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
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8731 South Heritage Road

Hardin
Monday, June 23
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Hardin Chamber of Commerce
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Lame Deer
Tuesday, June 24, 2008
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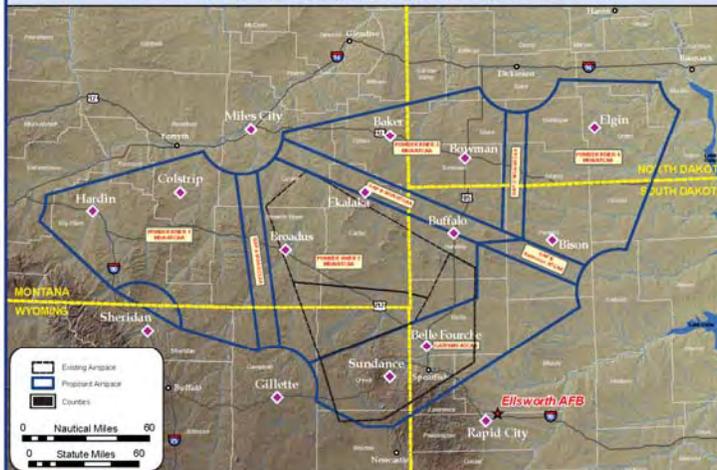
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Elgin Community Center
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Fort Yates
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6 - 8 p.m.
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LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA

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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: HQ ACC/A7P
129 Andrews Street, Room 317
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SUBJECT: Powder River Training Complex, Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

1. The United States Air Force (Air Force) is in the process of preparing an EIS to assess the potential environmental consequences of a proposal to expand and enhance the existing Powder River Complex (PRC) near Ellsworth Air Force Base (AFB) SD. The proposal would create the Powder River Training Complex (PRTC). The PRTC would more effectively use limited resources and finite flying hours by providing locally the realistic training needed by B-1 and B-52 aircrews flying from Ellsworth AFB SD and Minot AFB ND, respectively. This airspace proposal addresses the training and other limitations affecting the existing PRC training assets as they are currently configured.

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3. Recognizing that open communication of issues is a critical element of the EIS process, the Air Force will host numerous public meetings in communities underlying and/or adjacent to the proposed action (Atch 2). The scoping meetings will be held in an open-house format, where Air Force representatives will describe the proposed action and alternatives, the National Environmental Policy Act process which we are undertaking, outline opportunities for public involvement, and answer questions on the proposal. The meetings will last from 4:00 to 7:00 pm

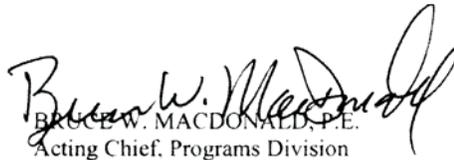
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at all locations, and interested parties or citizens are welcome to come at any time since information will be provided throughout the duration of the open house.

4. Meetings with public and agency stakeholders during this scoping process will help identify the full range of reasonable alternatives, potential impacts, and key issues throughout the environmental impact analysis process. The Air Force intends to coordinate public involvement for the purpose of Section 106 review under the National Historic Preservation with public involvement in the EIS prepared under this Environmental Impact Analysis Process. The Federal Aviation Administration has accepted the Air Force's request to be a cooperating agency for this action and has appointed the Central Service Area as their office of primary responsibility for this EIS.

5. The Air Force will accept comments at any time during the environmental process and any information you feel would assist us in this process would be appreciated. To ensure the Air Force has sufficient time to consider public input in the preparation of the draft EIS, information and comments should be submitted to Ms. Linda DeVine, HQ ACC/A7PP, 129 Andrews Street, Room 317, Langley AFB VA 23665-2769 by August 4, 2008.

6. If you have any specific questions about this proposal, please feel free to contact Ms. DeVine at (757) 764-9434, by electronic-mail at acc.prtc@langley.af.mil or contact the public affairs office at Ellsworth AFB SD, 605-385-5056. You may also obtain information including the two attachments to this letter, from our website at www.acplanning.org. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.


BRUCE W. MACDONALD, P.E.
Acting Chief, Programs Division

Attachments:

1. Scoping Meeting Brochure
2. Flyer

The National Environmental Policy Act guides the PRTC EIS.

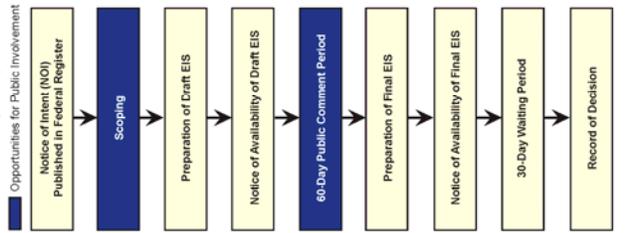
NEPA requires federal decision makers to consider potential environmental consequences of proposed actions and reasonable alternatives, including a No-Action Alternative in an EIS. The EIS complies with environmental regulations and documents potential impacts to the natural and human environment.

Resources initially identified for analysis in the EIS include (but are not limited to) the following:

- **Airspace Operations**
Airspace, Noise, Air Quality, and Safety (ground and air)
- **Natural Resources**
Physical and Biological Resources
- **Cultural Resources**
Cultural, Native American, Traditional, and Historic Resources
- **Human Resources**
Land Use, Quality of Life, Socioeconomics, and Environmental Justice



The EIS Process Timeline



Your input is essential to the environmental analysis process!

Providing Comments

To provide comments, please fill out a comment sheet. Please give your comments to an Air Force representative or place it in the comment box. Comment forms, or your own letter, may also be mailed to:

Ms. Linda DeVine
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To ensure your comments are considered in the Draft EIS, please submit your comments before August 4, 2008.

Public comments on this Draft EIS are requested pursuant to the NEPA, 42 USC 4321, et seq. All written comments received during the comment period will be made available to the public and considered during EIS preparation. Your provision of private address information with your comment is voluntary. Your private address information will not be released in the EIS or for any other purpose, unless required by law. However, your private address information may be used to complete the mailing list for EIS distribution. Failure to provide such information will result in your name not being included on the distribution list.



Scoping Meetings for the Powder River Training Complex (PRTC) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Welcome!

The United States Air Force is conducting scoping meetings for the PRTC EIS. The Air Force is preparing an EIS to determine the potential environmental consequences of a proposal to expand the Powder River Complex to create the PRTC. The PRTC would allow for more effective use of limited resources and finite flying hours by providing, locally, the realistic training needed by B-1 and B-52 aircrews flying from Ellsworth and Minot AFBs. The options being analyzed could:

- 1 Restructure and reconfigure the existing PRC Military Operations Areas (MOAs) and associated Air Traffic Control Assigned Airspace (ATCAA) and add new MOA/ATCAA airspace with a floor of 500 feet above ground level (AGL).
- 2 Increase sortie-operations (aircraft training) in the new and modified training airspace.
- 3 Support additional ground-based simulated threat emitters under the MOAs.
- 4 Authorize use of training chaff and flares throughout the new and modified airspace.
- 5 Permit supersonic flight above 10,000 feet AGL.



Scoping meetings provide the public an opportunity to learn about the proposed PRTC and provide input into this environmental impact analysis process. The scoping process helps us identify and address community-specific issues and concerns regarding the proposed airspace use.

Meeting Agenda

- Open House.....4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- View video presentation
 - Visit information booths
 - Discuss proposal with Air Force personnel
 - Submit written comments

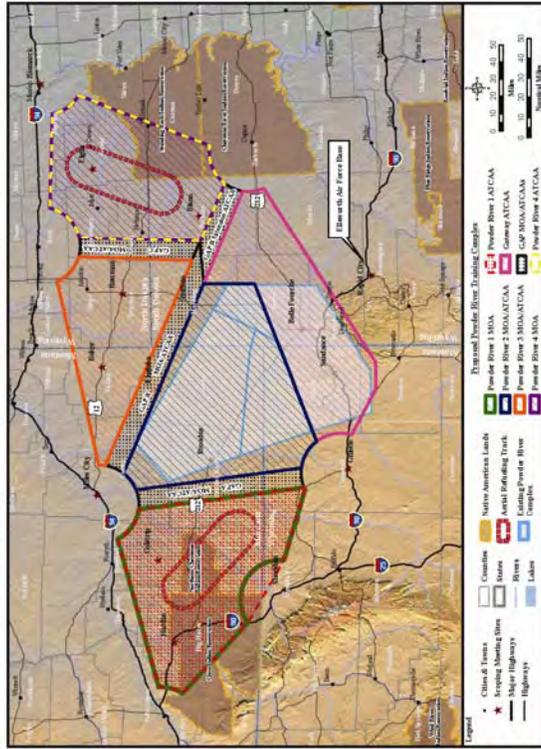
The Air Force is committed to community outreach and will consider your input to determine the scope of the issues to be addressed and to help identify the significant environmental issues to be analyzed in depth. Your involvement and input are vital to help us focus the environmental analysis.



Why is the PRTC Needed?

- Aircrews need adequately sized, configured, and available airspace to train as they fight during worldwide deployment.
- Increasing training in local airspace optimizes the limited amount of training hours allocated.
- Reducing commute time to remote training ranges like Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR) reduces fuel consumption.
- Use of chaff and flares allows aircrews to deploy defensive countermeasures as they would in combat.
- Supersonic training assists aircrews to train for show of force and for quick reaction to enemy threats in combat.
- More effectively use limited resources and finite flying hours.

Proposed Alternative A Airspace Changes



The proposed action would make the following modifications to the existing PRC.

Create PRTC Airspace: create new low altitude (500 feet AGL - 17,999 feet MSL) MOA airspace and new high altitude (18,000 - 60,000 feet MSL) ATCAA airspace and restructure and reconfigure the existing PRC MOAs and ATCAAs.

Increase Flight Operations: increase number, frequency and variety of sortie-operations.

Employ Large Force Exercises (LFE): use entire proposed PRTC for LFEs of 4 to more than 20 aircraft during scheduled exercises (typically once a quarter).

Support Training Transmitters: support additional ground based simulated emitters under the MOAs.

Permit Supersonic Flight: authorize above 10,000 feet AGL within the proposed PRTC.

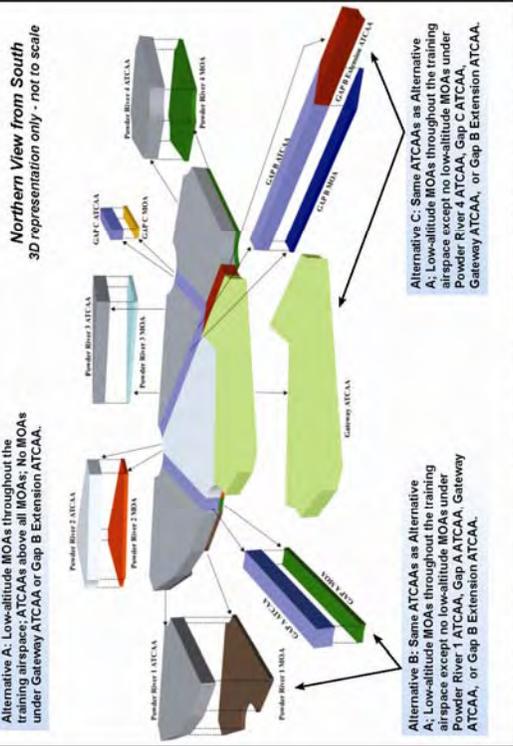
Authorize Defensive Countermeasures: allow training chaff and flare deployment throughout the proposed PRTC.

Alternative A

Under Alternative A, training aircraft in high-altitude ATCAAs would overfly approximately 37,800 square miles and training aircraft in low-altitude MOAs, under the ATCAAs, would overfly approximately 31,700 square miles.

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- Establish Powder River 1, 3, and 4 MOAs (500 feet AGL to 17,999 feet MSL).
- Combine and modify existing Crossbow and Powder River 1 ATCAAs to overlie Powder River 2 MOA and rename the ATCAAs - Powder River 2 ATCAA.
- Modify the Gateway ATCAA to lie adjacent to Powder River 2 ATCAA.
- Create the Powder River 1, 3, and 4 ATCAAs to connect/correspond with underlying MOAs.
- Establish Gap MOAs and ATCAAs between the Powder River 1, 2, 3, and 4 MOA/ATCAAs.

Proposed Action: Create Powder River Training Complex (PRTC)



Alternative A: Low-altitude MOAs throughout the training airspace; ATCAAs above all MOAs; No MOAs under Gateway ATCAA or Gap B Extension ATCAA.

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Alternative A Continued

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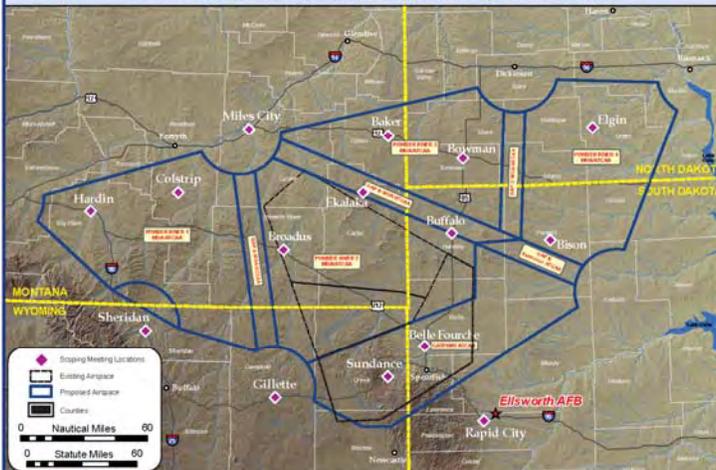
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SAMPLE IICEP LETTER 8



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LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA

JUN 3 2008

The Honorable Jon Tester
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Sincerely,



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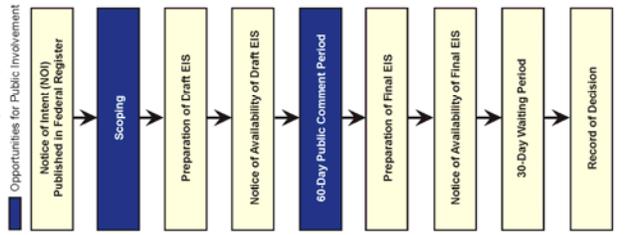
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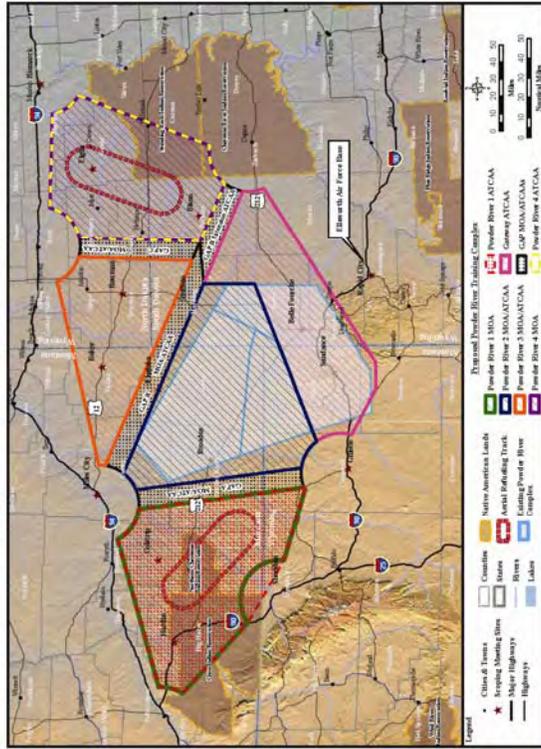
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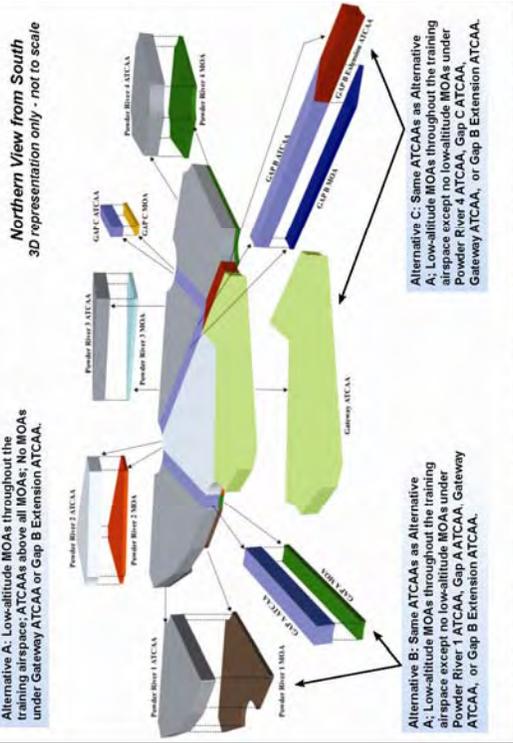
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Proposed Action: Create Powder River Training Complex (PRTC)



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Alternative A Continued

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No-Action Alternative

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Please Attend!

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Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)***

Ellsworth Air Force Base (AFB), South Dakota proposes to modify their training airspace.



Please attend a public scoping meeting to:

- Learn more about the proposal
- Provide community-specific input
- Be included on our mailing list



Public Scoping Meetings

Open House 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Public invited to attend at any time. Information will be available throughout.

South Dakota

Rapid City
Monday, June 16, 2008
Rapid City Public Library
610 Quincy Street

Belle Fourche
Tuesday, June 17, 2008
Community Center
(Dakota Room)
1111 National Street

Buffalo
Monday, July 14, 2008
Harding County Memorial
Recreation Center
West Allison Street

Bison
Tuesday, July 15, 2008
Bison School Cafeteria
200 East Carr Street

Wyoming

Sundance
Wednesday, June 18, 2008
Crook County Public Library
414 East Main Street

Gillette
Thursday, June 19, 2008
Campbell County
Fire Department
106 Rohan Avenue

Sheridan
Friday, June 20, 2008
Sheridan Senior Center
North Entrance
211 Smith Street

Montana

Hardin
Monday, June 23
Hardin Chamber of Commerce
10 E. Railroad Street

Colstrip
Tuesday, June 24, 2008
Isabel Bills Community
Learning Center,
520 Poplar Drive

Miles City
Wednesday, June 25, 2008
Miles Community College
2715 Dickinson

Ekalaka
Thursday, June 26, 2008
St. Joan of Arc Parish Hall
Church Street

Broadus
Friday, June 27, 2008
Powder River County District
High School
500 North Trautman

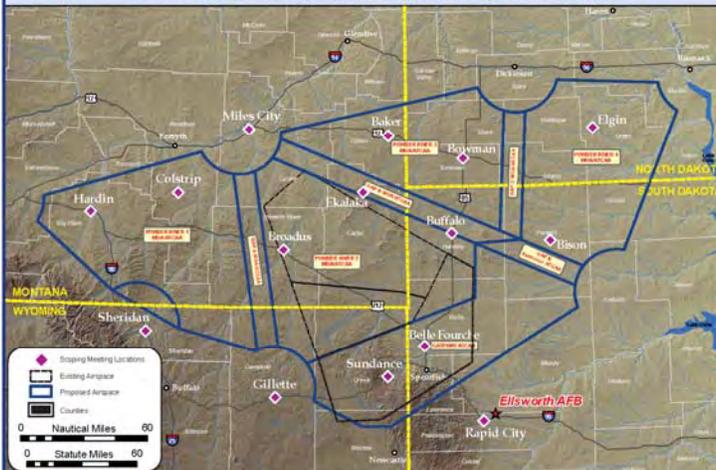
Baker
Tuesday, July 8, 2008
Baker High School
1015 South Third Street West

North Dakota

Bowman
Wednesday, July 9, 2008
City Hall Meeting Room
101 1st Street Southwest

Elgin
Thursday, July 10, 2008
Elgin Community Center
305 North Main Street

Ellsworth AFB Proposed Airspace Expansion Area



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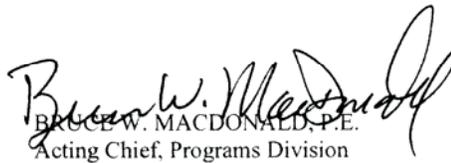
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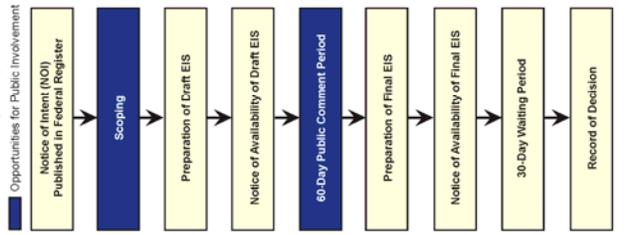
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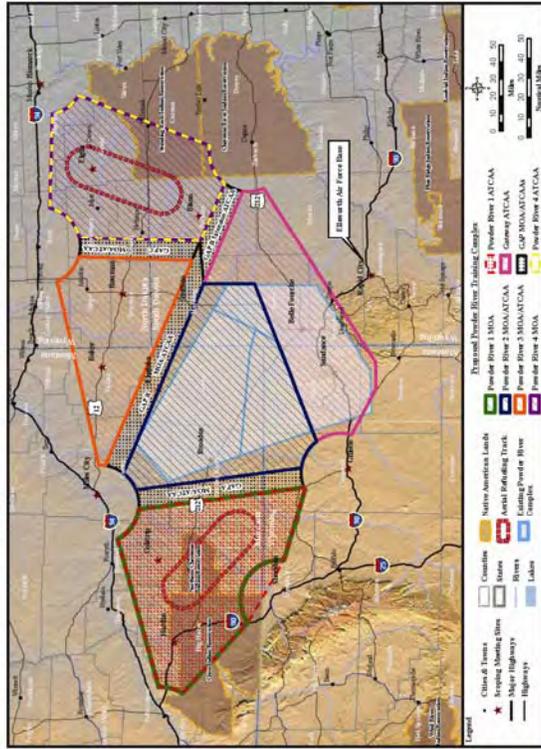
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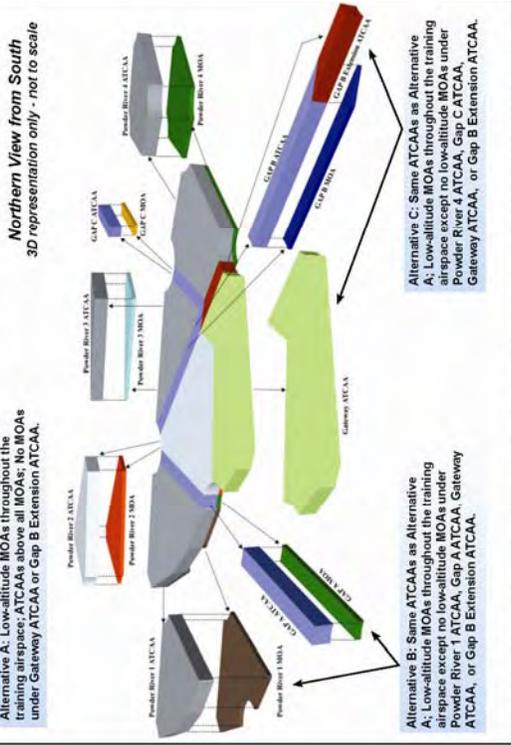
Authorize Defensive Countermeasures: allow training chaff and flare deployment throughout the proposed PRTC.

Alternative A

Under Alternative A, training aircraft in high-altitude ATCAAs would overfly approximately 37,800 square miles and training aircraft in low-altitude MOAs, under the ATCAAs, would overfly approximately 31,700 square miles.

- Expand existing Powder River A/B MOAs and rename expanded airspace - Powder River 2 MOA (500 feet AGL to 17,999 feet MSL).
- Establish Powder River 1, 3, and 4 MOAs (500 feet AGL to 17,999 feet MSL).
- Combine and modify existing Crossbow and Powder River 1 ATCAAs to overlie Powder River 2 MOA and rename the ATCAAs - Powder River 2 ATCAA.
- Modify the Gateway ATCAA to lie adjacent to Powder River 2 ATCAA.
- Create the Powder River 1, 3, and 4 ATCAAs to connect/correspond with underlying MOAs.
- Establish Gap MOAs and ATCAAs between the Powder River 1, 2, 3, and 4 MOA/ATCAAs.

Proposed Action: Create Powder River Training Complex (PRTC)



Alternative A: Low-altitude MOAs throughout the training airspace; ATCAAs above all MOAs; No MOAs under Gateway ATCAA or Gap B Extension ATCAA.

Alternative B: Same ATCAAs as Alternative A; Low-altitude MOAs throughout the training airspace except no low-altitude MOAs under Powder River 1 ATCAA, Gap A ATCAA, Gateway ATCAA, or Gap B Extension ATCAA.

Alternative C: Same ATCAAs as Alternative A; Low-altitude MOAs throughout the training airspace except no low-altitude MOAs under Powder River 4 ATCAA, Gap C ATCAA, Gateway ATCAA, or Gap B Extension ATCAA.

All or portions of the following Reservations/counties have the potential of being affected by the training airspace under one or more of the alternatives: Montana: Crow and Northern Cheyenne Reservations and the counties of Big Horn, Carter, Custer, Fallon, Powder River, Rosebud, Treasure, and Yellowstone; North Dakota: Standing Rock Reservation and Adams, Billings, Bowman, Golden Valley, Grant, Hettinger, Morton, Sioux, Slope, and Stark counties; South Dakota: Standing Rock and Cheyenne River Reservations, and Butte, Corson, Harding, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, Perkins, and Ziebach counties; and Wyoming: Campbell, Crook, Sheridan, and Weston counties.

Alternative A Continued

- Configuration of the MOAs matches their corresponding and overlying ATCAAs, except Powder River 1 MOA.
- Locate two aerial refueling tracks (one each in Powder River 1 and 4 ATCAA).

Alternative B

Same as Alternative A except no low-altitude MOAs under proposed Powder River 1 or proposed Gap A ATCAA. Training aircraft in high-altitude ATCAAs would overfly approximately 37,800 square miles and training aircraft in low-altitude MOAs, under the ATCAAs, would overfly approximately 22,800 square miles.

Alternative C

Same as Alternative A except no low-altitude MOAs under proposed Powder River 4 or proposed Gap C ATCAA. Training aircraft in high-altitude ATCAAs would overfly approximately 37,800 square miles and training aircraft in low-altitude MOAs, under the ATCAAs, would overfly approximately 24,500 square miles.

No-Action Alternative

Training aircraft would continue to train in the existing PRC and to overfly parts or all of the following counties: Montana: Carter, Custer, Powder River, South Dakota: Butte, Custer, Harding, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, Wyoming: Campbell, Crook, Weston.

Training aircraft in high-altitude ATCAAs would continue to overfly approximately 14,100 square miles and training aircraft in low-altitude MOAs, under the ATCAAs, would continue to overfly approximately 3,900 square miles.



Please Attend!

**Scoping Meetings for the Powder River Training Complex (PRTC)
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

Ellsworth Air Force Base (AFB), South Dakota proposes to modify their training airspace.



Please attend a public scoping meeting to:

- Learn more about the proposal
- Provide community-specific input
- Be included on our mailing list



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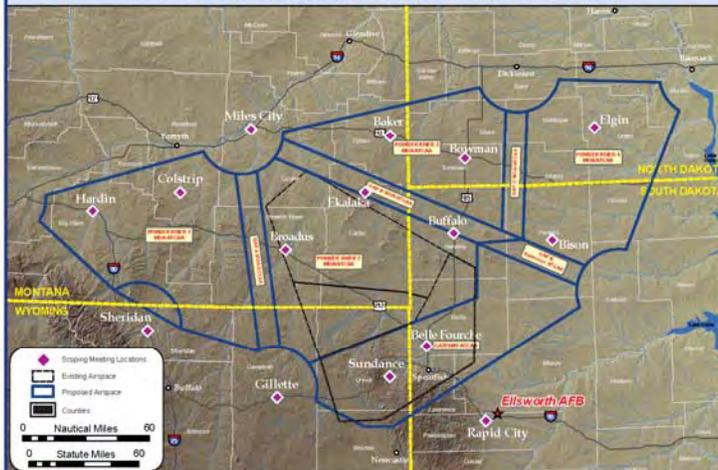
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Ellsworth AFB Proposed Airspace Expansion Area



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Dear Ms. Kalinowski

In accordance with the President's Council on Environmental Quality National Environmental Policy Act Regulations 40 CFR § 1501.6, *Cooperating Agencies*, the Air Force requests the participation of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as a cooperating agency in the preparation of two unrelated Air Force Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) for:

a. Extension and modifications to the White Elk Military Operating Area in Nevada. This airspace initiative would support Ready Aircrew Program training of the 388 Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah, during times when the Utah Test and Training Range is being used for higher priority testing.

b. Modification of the Powder River Training Complex in Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota and South Dakota. This airspace initiative would support the 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota, among others, by providing realistic combat training that maximizes valuable aircrew flying hours while saving millions of dollars annually.

As a cooperating agency, the Air Force requests the FAA participate in various portions of the EIS development as may be required. Specifically, the Air Force asks the FAA to support as a cooperating agency by:

- Participating in the scoping process
- Assuming responsibility, upon request by the Air Force, for developing information and preparing analyses on issues for which the FAA has special expertise; and
- Making staff support available to enhance interdisciplinary review capability.

Please respond in writing to this request. Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this memo, our Headquarters Air Combat Command points of contact are Ms Sheryl K. Parker, A7PP, (757) 764-9334 for the White Elk, and Ms Linda DeVine, A7PP, (757)-764-9434 for the Powder River.

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Dear Mr. Billings:

Thank you for your letter of September 28, 2007 requesting Federal Aviation Administration participation in the environmental processes associated with two unrelated U. S. Air Force (USAF) proposals. We understand that the USAF is proposing to extend and modify the White Elk Military Operations Area (MOA) in Nevada; and, is also proposing to modify the Powder River Training Complex (PRTC), which includes airspace in the Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, and South Dakota areas.

We are pleased to participate as a cooperating agency, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as Amended, and its' implementing regulations. Since the proposals contemplate activities associated with Special Use Airspace (SUA), the FAA will cooperate following the guidelines described in the Memorandum of Understanding between the FAA and the Department of Defense Concerning SUA Environmental Actions, dated October 4, 2005.

The FAA Western Service Area will be the primary focal point for matters related to the White Elk MOA, while the Central Service Area will be the primary focal point for matters related to the PRTC environmental processes. I have forwarded a copy of this letter and your letter to the Western System Support Group Manager, Mr. Clark Desing who can be contacted directly at (425) 917-6700; and to the Central System Support Group Manager, Mr. Don Smith who can be contacted directly at (817) 222-5530. The FAA looks forward to working with the USAF on the environmental process associated with the two proposals identified above.

Sincerely,


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Ms. Linda DeVine
HQ ACC/A7PP
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ND SHPO 08-0893: Powder River Training Complex, Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), North Dakota

Dear Ms. DeVine;

We received your preliminary information regarding ND SHPO 08-0893: Powder River Training Complex, Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in North Dakota and other western states. We seek additional information regarding practices that have the potential to impact cultural resources, including low-altitude training, the nature and distribution of "chaff" and "flares" and the type and distribution of "ground-based assets."

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. We look forward to further consultation regarding this project. If you have any questions please contact Susan Quinnell, Review and Compliance Coordinator at (701) 328-3576, squinnell@nd.gov or Paul Picha, Chief Archaeologist, (701) 328-3574.

Sincerely,

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)

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Department of Tourism and State Development

July 7, 2008

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Project: 080604006F – Power River Training Complex, Environmental Impact Statement
Location: Multiple Counties
(DOD/Air Force)

Dear Ms. DeVine:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced project. The South Dakota Office of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) would like to provide the following list of areas in South Dakota that may be considered Traditional Cultural Properties and/or places of religious and cultural significance to Indian Tribes. The list also includes contact information for each land managing agency associated with the resource.

Bear Butte National Historic Landmark: Bear Butte State Park
PO Box 688; E Hwy 79
Sturgis, SD 57785

National Park Service: Ernest Quintana, Regional Director
National Park Service, MWRO
601 River Front Drive
Omaha, NE 68102

Black Hills: District Ranger
Black Hills National Forest
Northern Hills Ranger District
2014 N. Main Street
Spearfish, SD 57783

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1310 Main Street
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Office of Tourism
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Development
Tribal Government Relations
711 E Wells Ave / Pierre, SD 57501-3369
Phone: 605-773-3301 / Fax: 605-773-3256
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South Dakota Arts Council
800 Governors Dr. / Pierre, SD 57501-2294
Phone: 605-773-3131 or 1-800-423-6665 in SD
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sdac@state.sd.us / sdarts.org

**South Dakota State
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900 Governors Dr. / Pierre, SD 57501-2217
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PO Box 1237 / Pierre, SD 57501-1237
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Please note the above list is not all inclusive. For additional information concerning the identification of historic properties, we recommend contacting the appropriate consulting parties as outlined in 36 CFR part 800 – Protection of historic properties. For your convenience a list of Indian Tribes and contact information has been included.

Should you require additional information, please contact Paige Hoskinson Olson, Review and Compliance Coordinator, at (605) 773-6004. Your concern for the non-renewable cultural heritage of our state is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jay D. Vogt
State Historic Preservation Officer

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "P. Hoskinson Olson", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Paige Hoskinson Olson
Review and Compliance Coordinator

Enclosure: South Dakota Tribal Chairman and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices

South Dakota Tribal Chairman and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices

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PO Box 50
Ft. Thompson, SD 57339-0050
Phone (605) 245-2221
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Chairman: Josh Weston
Flandreau-Santee Sioux Tribe
PO Box 283
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Chairman: Michael Jandreau
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PO Box 187
Lower Brule, SD 57548-0187
Phone (605) 473-5561
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Chairman: John Yellow Bird Steele
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PO Box 2070
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(507)697-6185

THPO: Curley Youpee
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Poplar MT 59255
(406) 768-5155

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533 Ethete Rd
Ethete, WY 82520



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June 13, 2008

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Re: Powder River Training Complex,
Environmental Impact Statement,
Multiple Counties in South Dakota

Dear Ms. DeVine:

This letter is in response to your request dated June 3, 2008, for environmental comments regarding the above referenced project involving the expansion and enhancement of the existing Powder River Complex near Ellsworth Air Force Base. The area under consideration includes Standing Rock and Cheyenne River Reservations and Butte, Corson, Harding, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, Perkins, and Ziebach Counties in South Dakota.

Please consult National Wetlands Inventory maps (available online at <http://wetlands.fws.gov/>) for any wetlands that exist in the area of proposed activity. If a project may impact wetlands or other important fish and wildlife habitats, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347) and other environmental laws and rules, recommends complete avoidance of these areas, if possible; then minimization of any adverse impacts; and finally, replacement of any lost acres; in that order. Alternatives should be examined and the least damaging practical alternative selected. If wetland impacts are unavoidable, a mitigation plan addressing the number and types of wetland acres to be impacted and the methods of replacement should be prepared and submitted to the resource agencies for review.

Work requiring the alteration or disturbance of wetlands or streams may require a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) according to the regulations set forth in section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act or section 404 of the Clean Water Act. You may contact the Corps' Regulatory Office at 28563 Powerhouse Road, Room 118, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, Telephone No. (605) 224-8531.

Enclosed is a list of endangered species by county. In accordance with section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq., we have determined that the following federally listed species may occur in the project area (this list is considered valid for 90 days):

<u>Species</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Expected Occurrence</u>
Whooping crane (<u>Grus americana</u>)	Endangered	Migration.
Least tern (<u>Sterna antillarum</u>)	Endangered	Migration, Nesting.
Piping plover (<u>Charadrius melodus</u>)	Threatened	Migration, Nesting.
Black-footed ferret (<u>Mustela nigripes</u>)	Endangered/Proposed (Experimental Populations Only)	Potential Resident in Pennington County
Topeka shiner (<u>Notropis topeka</u>)	Endangered	Known Resident.
Bald eagle (<u>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</u>)	Delisted	Migration, Winter Resident, Possible Nesting.

Whooping cranes migrate through South Dakota on their way to northern breeding grounds and southern wintering areas. They occupy numerous habitats such as cropland and pastures; wet meadows; shallow marshes; shallow portions of rivers, lakes, reservoirs, and stock ponds; and both freshwater and alkaline basins for feeding and loafing. Overnight roosting sites frequently require shallow water in which they stand and rest. Should construction/activities occur during spring or fall migration, the potential for disturbances to whooping cranes exists. Disturbance (flushing the birds) stresses them at critical times of the year. We recommend that you remain vigilant for these birds. There is little that can be done to reduce disturbance besides ceasing construction at sites where the birds have been observed. The birds normally do not stay in any one area for long during migration. Any whooping crane sightings should be reported to this office.

Least terns and piping plovers are known to nest on the Missouri River and the Cheyenne River, and they may occur along the Moreau River. These species use sparsely vegetated interchannel sandbars, islands, and shorelines for nesting, foraging, and brood-rearing. They are sensitive to human disturbances which often limit reproduction. Surveys for nesting piping plovers and least terns should be performed prior to any construction, and no construction should take place within one-quarter (1/4) mile of any known piping plover or least tern nest. The birds typically breed in South Dakota between the dates of May 1 and August 15.

Several populations of black-footed ferrets have been reintroduced into South Dakota. Sustainable black-footed ferret populations are exclusively dependent on black-tailed prairie dog colonies for food and habitat. Any black-tailed prairie dog towns >80 acres in size or any towns that are part of a ≥1,000 acre complex of prairie dog colonies may be considered black-footed ferret habitat, and surveys for black-footed ferrets may be required prior to any construction on colonies meeting the above requirements.

Topeka shiners are known to occupy numerous small streams within eastern South Dakota, and most are concentrated within the Big Sioux, Vermillion, and James River watersheds. If any work/activities will be conducted in streams, please contact our office to determine which best management practices would minimize potential adverse impacts to the Topeka shiner.

Although the bald eagle has been delisted from the Endangered Species List, it is still protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Bald eagles occur throughout South Dakota, and new nests are appearing each year. The birds are associated with large trees, such as cottonwoods, and large lake or river systems, such as the Missouri River. New nests may have been constructed this spring. The best means of avoiding impacts to these birds is by performing activities outside the nesting season of January to August. No construction should occur within one-quarter (1/4) mile of any known active bald eagle nest, and the Service requests notification if any nests are found within one (1) mile of a proposed construction site. Any nests found should be reported to this office.

If the Federal action agency or their designated representative determines that the project "may adversely affect" listed species in South Dakota, it should request formal consultation from this office. If a "may affect - not likely to adversely affect" determination is made for this project, it should be submitted to this office for concurrence. If a "no effect" determination is made, further consultation may not be necessary. However, a copy of the determination should be sent to this office. For more information regarding Federal action agency responsibilities as related to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, please refer to the Service's Endangered Species Act Consultation Handbook, available online at <http://endangered.fws.gov/consultations/index.html>.

If changes are made in the project plans or operating criteria, or if additional information becomes available, the Service should be informed so that the above determinations can be reconsidered.

The Service appreciates the opportunity to provide comments. If you have any questions on these comments, please contact Charlene Bessken of this office at (605) 224-8693, Extension 231.

Sincerely,



Pete Gober
Field Supervisor
South Dakota Field Office

Enclosure

cc: Corps/Regulatory; Pierre, SD
(Attention: Steve Naylor)
SAIC; Carpinteria, CA
(Attention: Dr. Thomas W. Mulroy)



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Mountain-Prairie Region

South Dakota Ecological Services Field Office

ENDANGERED SPECIES BY COUNTY LIST

(updated 18 December 2007)

STATE: SOUTH DAKOTA

The Bald Eagle was removed from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife effective August 8, 2007. The protections provided to the bald eagle under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act will continue to remain in place after the species is delisted. [National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines](#) have been developed. This rule change does not affect the bald eagle's status as a threatened or endangered species under State laws or suspend any other legal protections provided by State law.

T - Threatened

E - Endangered

XN - Proposed/Experimental Population

CH - Critical Habitat

PCH - Proposed Critical Habitat

COUNTY	GROUP	SPECIES	CERTAINTY OF OCCURRENCE	STATUS
AURORA	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA	KNOWN	E
BEADLE	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA	KNOWN	E
BENNETT	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
	INSECT	BEETLE, AMERICAN BURYING ²	KNOWN	E
	PLANT	ORCHID, WESTERN PRAIRIE FRINGED ¹	POSSIBLE	T
BON HOMME	BIRD	PLOVER, PIPING	KNOWN	T (CH)
		TERN, LEAST	KNOWN	E
	FISH	STURGEON, PALLID	KNOWN	E
BROOKINGS	INSECT	BEETLE, AMERICAN BURYING ²	POSSIBLE	E
	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA	KNOWN	E

	PLANT	ORCHID, WESTERN PRAIRIE FRINGED ¹	POSSIBLE	T
BROWN	BIRD	CURLEW, ESKIMO	EXTREMELY RARE	E
	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA	KNOWN	E
BRULE	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
		PLOVER, PIPING	POSSIBLE	T
	FISH	STURGEON, PALLID	KNOWN	E
BUFFALO	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
		PLOVER, PIPING	POSSIBLE	T
	FISH	STURGEON, PALLID	KNOWN	E
BUTTE	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
CAMPBELL	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
		PLOVER, PIPING	KNOWN	T (CH)
		TERN, LEAST	KNOWN	E
	FISH	STURGEON, PALLID	POSSIBLE	E
CHARLES MIX	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
		PLOVER, PIPING	KNOWN	T (CH)
		TERN, LEAST	KNOWN	E
	FISH	STURGEON, PALLID	KNOWN	E
CLARK	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA ³	KNOWN	E
CLAY	BIRD	PLOVER, PIPING	KNOWN	T (CH)

		TERN, LEAST	KNOWN	E
	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA	KNOWN	E
		STURGEON, PALLID	POSSIBLE	E
	MOLLUSK	MUSSEL, SCALESHELL ⁶	HISTORICAL, MISSOURI RIVER	E
	PLANT	ORCHID, WESTERN PRAIRIE FRINGED ¹	POSSIBLE	T
CODINGTON	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA	POSSIBLE	E
CORSON	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
		PLOVER, PIPING	KNOWN	T (CH)
		TERN, LEAST	KNOWN	E
	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA	HISTORICAL	E
		STURGEON, PALLID	POSSIBLE	E
CUSTER	MAMMAL	FERRET, BLACK-FOOTED	KNOWN	E
DAVISON	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA	KNOWN	E
DAY	BIRD	PLOVER, PIPING	KNOWN	T
DEUEL	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA ³	KNOWN	E
DEWEY	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
		PLOVER, PIPING	KNOWN	T (CH)
		TERN, LEAST	KNOWN	E

	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA	HISTORICAL	E
		STURGEON, PALLID	KNOWN	E
	MAMMAL	FERRET, BLACK-FOOTED ⁴	KNOWN	XN
DOUGLAS	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
EDMUNDS	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
FALL RIVER				
FAULK	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
GRANT	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA ³	POSSIBLE	E
GREGORY	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
		PLOVER, PIPING	KNOWN	T (CH)
		TERN, LEAST	KNOWN	E
	INSECT	BEETLE, AMERICAN BURYING ²	KNOWN	E
	FISH	STURGEON, PALLID	KNOWN	E
	MAMMAL	FERRET, BLACK-FOOTED ⁴	POSSIBLE	XN
HAAKON	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
		PLOVER, PIPING	KNOWN	T
		TERN, LEAST	KNOWN	E
	INSECT	BEETLE, AMERICAN BURYING ²	POSSIBLE	E
HAMLIN	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA ³	KNOWN	E
HAND	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
HANSON	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA	KNOWN	E
HARDING				
HUGHES	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
		PLOVER, PIPING	KNOWN	T (CH)

		TERN, LEAST	KNOWN	E
	FISH	STURGEON, PALLID	KNOWN	E
HUTCHINSON	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA	KNOWN	E
	PLANT	ORCHID, WESTERN PRAIRIE FRINGED ¹	POSSIBLE	T
HYDE	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
JACKSON	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
	MAMMAL	FERRET, BLACK-FOOTED ⁴	POSSIBLE	XN
JERAULD	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA ³	KNOWN	E
JONES	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
KINGSBURY	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
		PLOVER, PIPING	KNOWN	T
	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA ³	KNOWN	E
LAKE	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA ³	KNOWN	E
	PLANT	ORCHID, WESTERN PRAIRIE FRINGED ¹	POSSIBLE	T
LAWRENCE	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
LINCOLN	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA	KNOWN	E
	PLANT	ORCHID, WESTERN PRAIRIE FRINGED ¹	POSSIBLE	T
LYMAN	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
		PLOVER, PIPING	POSSIBLE	T
MARSHALL				
MCCOOK	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA	KNOWN	E
	PLANT	ORCHID, WESTERN PRAIRIE FRINGED ¹	POSSIBLE	T
MCPHERSON	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
MEADE	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
		TERN, LEAST	KNOWN	E
MELLETTE	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
	MAMMAL	FERRET, BLACK-FOOTED ⁴	POSSIBLE	XN
MINER	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA	KNOWN	E
	PLANT	ORCHID, WESTERN PRAIRIE	POSSIBLE	T

		FRINGED ¹		
MINNEHAHA	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA	KNOWN	E
	PLANT	ORCHID, WESTERN PRAIRIE FRINGED ¹	POSSIBLE	T
MOODY	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA	KNOWN	E
	PLANT	ORCHID, WESTERN PRAIRIE FRINGED ¹	POSSIBLE	T
PENNINGTON	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
		TERN, LEAST	KNOWN	E
	MAMMAL	FERRET, BLACK-FOOTED ⁴	KNOWN	XN
PERKINS	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
POTTER	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
		PLOVER, PIPING	KNOWN	T (CH)
		TERN, LEAST	KNOWN	E
	FISH	STURGEON, PALLID	KNOWN	E
ROBERTS	PLANT	ORCHID, WESTERN PRAIRIE FRINGED ¹	POSSIBLE	T
SANBORN	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA	KNOWN	E
SHANNON	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
	MAMMAL	FERRET, BLACK-FOOTED ⁴	KNOWN	XN
	PLANT	ORCHID, WESTERN PRAIRIE FRINGED ¹	POSSIBLE	T
SPINK	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA ³	POSSIBLE	E
STANLEY	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
		PLOVER, PIPING	KNOWN	T (CH)
		TERN, LEAST	KNOWN	E
	FISH	STURGEON, PALLID	KNOWN	E
SULLY	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
		PLOVER, PIPING	KNOWN	T (CH)
		TERN, LEAST	KNOWN	E
	FISH	STURGEON, PALLID	KNOWN	E
TODD	INSECT	BEETLE, AMERICAN BURYING ²	KNOWN	E
	MAMMAL		KNOWN	XN

		FERRET, BLACK-FOOTED ⁴		
	PLANT	ORCHID, WESTERN PRAIRIE FRINGED ¹	POSSIBLE	T
TRIPP	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
	INSECT	BEETLE, AMERICAN BURYING ²	KNOWN	E
	MAMMAL	FERRET, BLACK-FOOTED ⁴	POSSIBLE	XN
TURNER	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA	KNOWN	E
	PLANT	ORCHID, WESTERN PRAIRIE FRINGED ¹	POSSIBLE	T
UNION	BIRD	PLOVER, PIPING	KNOWN	T
		TERN, LEAST	KNOWN	E
	INSECT	BEETLE, AMERICAN BURYING ²	POSSIBLE	E
	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA	KNOWN	E
		STURGEON, PALLID	POSSIBLE	E
	MOLLUSK	MUSSEL, SCALESHELL	Historic, Missouri River	E
	PLANT	ORCHID, WESTERN PRAIRIE FRINGED ¹	POSSIBLE	T
WALWORTH	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
		PLOVER, PIPING	KNOWN	T (CH)
		TERN, LEAST	KNOWN	E
	FISH	STURGEON, PALLID	POSSIBLE	E
YANKTON	BIRD	CURLEW, ESKIMO	EXTREMELY RARE	E
		PLOVER, PIPING	KNOWN	T (CH)
		TERN, LEAST	KNOWN	E
	FISH	SHINER, TOPEKA ³	POSSIBLE	E
		STURGEON, PALLID	POSSIBLE	E
	MOLLUSK	MUSSEL, SCALESHELL ⁶	Historic, Missouri River	E
		PEARLYMUSSEL, HIGGINS EYE ^{5,6}	One Dead Specimen Found	E
	PLANT	ORCHID, WESTERN PRAIRIE FRINGED ¹	POSSIBLE	T
ZIEBACH	BIRD	CRANE, WHOOPING	KNOWN	E
		PLOVER, PIPING	KNOWN	T (CH)
		TERN, LEAST	KNOWN	E
	MAMMAL	FERRET, BLACK-FOOTED ⁴	POSSIBLE	XN

¹ The counties indicated for the Western Prairie Fringed Orchid are counties with potential habitat. Currently, there are no known populations of this species in South Dakota. Status surveys have been completed for the orchid in South Dakota. However, because of the ecology of this species, there is a possibility that plants may be overlooked.

² The American Burying Beetle is presently known to occur in Gregory, Tripp and Todd counties. One specimen was recently trapped in Bennett County. A comprehensive status survey has never been completed for the American burying beetle in South Dakota. Until status surveys have been completed, the beetle could and may occur in any county with suitable habitat. Suitable habitat is considered to be any site with significant humus or topsoil suitable for burying carrion.

³ Although Topeka Shiners have not been formally documented within Clark, Grant, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lake, Spink, or Yankton Counties, the shiners may still occur in these areas because the counties contain portions of known Topeka Shiner inhabited rivers and/or tributary streams.

⁴ Block clearance is a strategy developed by the Service to determine the likelihood of black-footed ferret occurrence in a geographic area and provide sufficient information to allow the Service to assess an area for the biological potential for contributing to recovery of the ferret. The act of block clearing an area negates the need to conduct future ferret surveys to comply with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. The exception is for National Park Service lands and US Fish and Wildlife Service lands - ferrets are considered threatened in those areas. Black-footed ferrets have been reintroduced in Badlands National Park, Buffalo Gap National Grasslands and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Reservation.

⁵ A fresh dead shell of a Higgins Eye Pearlymussel was found below Gavins Point Dam on October 27, 2004.

⁶ Shells of these species have been found, but no populations have been located.

Any corrections or additions to this list should be submitted to Pete Gohar, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, South Dakota Field Office, Ecological Services, 420 South Garfield Avenue, Pierre, SD; Telephone (605)224-8693, ext. 224.

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Pierre SD 57501

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Spearfish SD 57783

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Deadwood SD 57732

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Gillette WY 82718

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