## **DPA N71 – Existing Environmental and Engineering Conditions Overview**

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#### **Environmental Conditions**

NEPA impacts on your project will depend on your plan. For this specific DPA, the following should be considered. This list is not meant to be exhaustive, but suggestive.

Please note that links were current as of the date of public posting of this document but may have changed.

#### Section 106 Resources

- There are **no** National Historic Trails that intersect the DPA
- There are **no** National Register of Historic Places resources within the DPA
- 3 Tribes have interest in Buffalo County
  - Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
  - o Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma
  - Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

## **Biological Resources**

- Federally Listed Species Range
  - Monarch Butterfly Proposed Threatened
  - Northern Long-eared Bat Endangered
  - Piping Plover Threatened
  - o Regal Fritillary Proposed Threatened
  - Whooping Crane Endangered
- State Listed Species Range
  - Northern Long-eared Bat Endangered
  - Small White Lady's Slipper Threatened
  - Whooping Crane Endangered
- No critical habitat identified

### Wetlands

- Yes

#### Floodplain

- The DPA includes Zone A (100-year) floodplains

#### Prime Farmland

- Yes

#### Hazardous Materials

- The DPA has multiple regulated facilities

#### **Environmental Justice**

- There are **no** environmental justice populations within the DPA

#### Water Resources

- South Loup River is **not** 303d listed, impaired for Primary Contact Recreation (E. coli)
- The DPA has **no** Wellhead Protection Areas.

#### Classified Lands

There are no Classified Lands within the DPA

#### Agencies that will be required

- Nebraska SHPO (Deputy SHPO, Michael Sothan)
  - o <a href="mailto:hn.hp@nebraska.gov">hn.hp@nebraska.gov</a>
  - Approximate 30-day review period
    - May require cultural/historical surveys
- US Fish and Wildlife (Region 6)
  - o Nebraskaes@fws.gov
  - o Approximate 30-day review period
    - May require completion of BA package
- US Army Corps of Engineers (Omaha District)
  - o ne404reg@usace.army.mil
  - Approximate 30-day response time
- US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (Assistant State Soil Scientist, Elizabeth Gray)
  - o <u>elizabeth.gray@usda.gov</u>
- Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
- Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy
  - o NDEE.Assistance@nebraska.gov
- Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (Environmental Specialist, John Miller)
  - o john.j.miller@nebraska.gov
- Bureau of Land Management

# **Engineering Conditions**County

- Buffalo

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