DPA D24 – 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
- 11 Tribes have interest in Sioux County
 - Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
 - o Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of the Cheyenne River Reservation, South Dakota
 - o Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma
 - o Comanche Nation, Oklahoma
 - o Crow Creek Sioux Tribe of the Crow Creek Reservation, South Dakota
 - Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of the Lower Brule Reservation, South Dakota
 - Oglala Sioux Tribe
 - Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
 - Rosebud Sioux Tribe of the Rosebud Indian Reservation, South Dakota
 - Santee Sioux Nation, Nebraska
 - Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North and South Dakota

Biological Resources

- Federally Listed Species Range
 - Little Brown Bat Under Review
 - Monarch Butterfly Proposed Threatened
 - Piping Plover Threatened
 - o Regal Fritillary Proposed Threatened
- State Listed Species Range
 - o Finescale Dace Threatened
 - o Northern Long-eared Bat Endangered
 - Northern Redbelly Dace Threatened
 - Swift Fox Endangered
 - Thick-Billed Longspur Threatened
 - Ute Ladies Tresses Threatened
- **No** critical habitat identified

Wetlands

- Yes

Floodplain

- Sioux County is **not** FEMA Floodplain mapped.

Prime Farmland

- Yes

Hazardous Materials

- There are multiple regulated facilities within the DPA

Environmental Justice

- There are environmental justice populations within the DPA
 - Low-Income Populations

Water Resources

- The Niobrara River is 303d listed, impaired for aquatic life and recreation
- The DPA has one Wellhead Protection Areas
 - Village of Harrison (NE3116501)

Classified Lands

- There is BLM land in the DPA
 - 2 properties

Agencies that will be required

- Nebraska SHPO (Deputy SHPO, Michael Sothan)
 - o hn.hp@nebraska.gov
 - 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

- Sioux

City/Village

- Harrison

Highways

- Highway 20: NDOT Permit Required
- Highway 29: NDOT Permit Required

Agencies that will be required

- Sioux County
- Village of Harrison
 - o (308) 668-2445
- NDOT District 5 (Permit Officer, Melissa Lally)
 - o melissa.lally@nebraska.gov