

## DPA S63 – Existing 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

- The California Trail intersects the DPA
- There are multiple National Register of Historic Places resources within the DPA
- 6 Tribes have interest in Saunders and Lancaster Counties
  - o Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
  - o Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma
  - o Omaha Tribe of Nebraska
  - o Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians, Oklahoma
  - o Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
  - o Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

#### Biological Resources

- Federally Listed Species Range
  - o Monarch Butterfly – Proposed Threatened
  - o Piping Plover – Endangered
  - o Regal Fritillary – Proposed Threatened
  - o Rufa Red Knot – Threatened
  - o Salt Creek Tiger Beetle – Endangered
- State Listed Species Range
  - o Northern Long-Eared Bat – Endangered
  - o Saltwort – Endangered
  - o Salt Creek Tiger Beetle – Endangered
  - o Western Prairie Fringed Orchid – Threatened
- There is critical habitat within the DPA
  - o Salt Creek Tiger Beetle

#### Wetlands

- Yes

## Floodplain

- There are multiple flood hazard zones in the DPA
  - o Zone A (100-year) floodplains
  - o Zone X (500-year) floodplains
  - o Zone AE (Regulatory Floodway) floodplains
  - o Zone AE (100-year) floodplains

## Prime Farmland

- Yes

## Hazardous Materials

- There are multiple regulated facilities within the DPA

## Environmental Justice

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

## Water Resources

- North Fork Rock Creek is **not** a 303d water body, impaired for aquatic life
- Wahoo Creek is **not** a 303d water body, impaired for primary contact recreation
- Cottonwood Creek is a 303d water body, impaired for aquatic life
- Sand Creek is a 303d water body, impaired for aquatic life
- Rock Creek is **not** a 303d water body, impaired for aquatic life
- The DPA has multiple Wellhead Protection Areas.
  - o Village of Ceresco (NE3115503)
  - o City of Wahoo (NE3115512)
  - o Village of Ithaca (NE3120446)

## Classified Lands

- There are two NGPC properties within the DPA
  - o Jack Sinn Memorial WMA
  - o Saline Meadows Public Access Area (PF)

## Agencies that will be required

- Nebraska SHPO (Deputy SHPO, Michael Sothan)
  - o [hn.hp@nebraska.gov](mailto:hn.hp@nebraska.gov)
  - o Approximate 30-day review period
    - May require cultural/historical surveys
- US Fish and Wildlife (Region 6)
  - o [Nebraskaes@fws.gov](mailto: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](mailto:ne404reg@usace.army.mil)
  - o Approximate 30-day response time
- US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (Assistant State Soil Scientist, Elizabeth Gray)
  - o [elizabeth.gray@usda.gov](mailto:elizabeth.gray@usda.gov)
- Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
- Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy
  - o [NDEE.Assistance@nebraska.gov](mailto:NDEE.Assistance@nebraska.gov)
- Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (Environmental Specialist, John Miller)
  - o [john.j.miller@nebraska.gov](mailto:john.j.miller@nebraska.gov)

## **Engineering Conditions**

### County

- Lancaster
- Saunders

### City/Village

- Wahoo
- Valparaiso

### Highways

- Highway 77: NDOT Permit Required

### Railroads

- Union Pacific

### Pipelines

- Market Area

## **Agencies that will be required**

- Lancaster County
- Saunders County
- City of Wahoo
- Village of Valparaiso
- NDOT District 1 (Permit Officer, Cierra Catlin)
  - o [cierra.catlin@nebraska.gov](mailto:cierra.catlin@nebraska.gov)
- Union Pacific Railroad
- Market Area Pipeline
  - o Northern Natural Gas Co.