

DPA D21 – 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 within the DPA
- There are **no** National Register of Historic Places resources within the DPA
- 11 Tribes have interest in Sioux County
 - o 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
 - o Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of the Lower Brule Reservation, South Dakota
 - o Oglala Sioux Tribe
 - o Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
 - o Rosebud Sioux Tribe of the Rosebud Indian Reservation, South Dakota
 - o Santee Sioux Nation, Nebraska
 - o Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North and South Dakota.

Biological Resources

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

Wetlands

- Yes

Floodplain

- Sioux County does not have FEMA floodplain mapping.

Prime Farmland

- Yes

Hazardous Materials

- No regulated facilities in the DPA

Environmental Justice

- There are no environmental justice populations within the DPA

Water Resources

- No impaired waters in DPA
- The DPA has no Wellhead Protection Areas

Classified Lands

- There is one NGPC property in the DPA
 - o Gilbert-Baker WMA
- There is one USFS property in the DPA
 - o Nebraska National Forest
- There is BLM land in the DPA

Agencies that will be required

- Nebraska SHPO (Deputy SHPO, Michael Sothan)
 - o 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
 - o Approximate 30-day review period
 - May require completion of BA package
- US Army Corps of Engineers (Omaha District)
 - o 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
- 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
- US Forest Service

Engineering Conditions

County

- Sioux

Highways

- Highway 20: NDOT Permit Required

Other Permits

- Gilbert-Baker Wildlife Area

Agencies that will be required

- Sioux County
- NDOT District 5 (Permit Officer, Melissa Lally)
 - o melissa.lally@nebraska.gov
- Nebraska Game and Parks Commission