

9 Consultation and Coordination

9.1 AGENCIES AND PERSONS CONTACTED/ CONSULTED

Western and RUS, as co-lead Federal Agencies, have consulted with Federal, State, and local agencies and Native American groups regarding the potential alternatives for the Proposed Project. The following is a list of contacts that were made during preparation of this DEIS.

Federal Agencies

Bureau of Indian Affairs – Great Plains Office
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Federal Highway Administration
National Park Service – Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – South Dakota Regulatory Office
U.S. Department of Agriculture – Farm Service Agency, Jerauld County
U.S. Department of Agriculture – Farm Service Agency, Lyman County
U.S. Department of Energy
U.S. Department of the Interior – Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 8
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Head Quarters in Washington D.C.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Ecological Services Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Lake Andes Wetland Management District
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Huron Wetland Management District
U.S. Forest Service – Black Hills National Forest
U.S. Forest Service – Nebraska & Samuel R. McKelvie National Forests
U.S. Forest Service – Fort Pierre National Grassland
U.S. Forest Service – Buffalo Gap National Grassland
U.S. Forest Service – Oglala National Grasslands
U.S. Geological Survey, Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center
U.S. Geological Survey, South Dakota State University

State Agencies

South Dakota Aeronautics Commission
South Dakota Department of Agriculture
South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources
South Dakota Department of Health
South Dakota Department of Transportation
South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks
South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks – National Heritage Program

South Dakota Highway Patrol
 South Dakota Indian Affairs Commission
 South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
 South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office
 South Dakota State Historical Society
 South Dakota State Land Department
 South Dakota Transmission Authority

Local Agencies

Aurora County	City of Winner
Aurora County Board of Commissioners	Gregory County Board of Commissioners
Brule County	Jerauld County
Brule County Board of Commissioners	Jerauld County Board of Commissioners
City of Chamberlain	Town of Alpena
City of Colome	Town of Wessington Springs
City of Kimball	Tripp County
City of Plankinton	Tripp County Board of Commissioners
City of White Lake	

Organizations

Basin Electric Power Cooperative
 Ducks Unlimited
 Sierra Club
 The Nature Conservancy
 Wessington Springs Area Development Corporation

Elected Officials

South Dakota Governor – Honorable Mike Rounds
 South Dakota Senator – Honorable Tim Johnson
 South Dakota Senator – Honorable John Thune
 South Dakota U.S. House of Representatives – Representative Stephanie Herseth

Native American Tribes and Communities

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
 Crow Creek Sioux Tribe
 Flandreau Santee Sioux Executive Committee
 Fort Peck Sioux and Assiniboine Tribe
 Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
 Lower Sioux Indian Community
 Oglala Sioux Tribe

Rosebud Sioux Tribe of Indians
 Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska
 Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate
 Spirit Lake Tribal Council
 Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
 Three Affiliated Tribes Business Council
 Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa
 Upper Sioux Indian Community
 Wahpetkute Band of the Dakota
 Yankton Sioux Tribe
 South Dakota State Historical Society

9.2 INDIVIDUALS TO RECEIVE THE EIS

In addition to the Federal, State, and local agencies and Native American groups listed in **Section 9.1**, the DEIS has been distributed to the following individuals:

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Copies of the DEIS have also been provided to the following locations and are available for public review.

Cozard Memorial Library in Chamberlain – Brule County
 Kimball Public Library – Brule County
 Plankinton City Library – Aurora County
 Winner Public Library – Tripp County
 Wessington Springs Carnegie Library – Jerauld County

Western Area Power Administration
 Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region
 South Dakota Maintenance Office
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 Huron, SD 57350

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