

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)**

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
PROPOSED 160-FOOT COMMUNICATIONS TOWER  
BOX BUTTE, NEBRASKA**

Box Butte County Sheriff's Office has applied through the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency for funding under FEMA's Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) to construct a 160-foot communications tower and associated facilities at 216 Box Butte, Hemingford, Box Butte County, Nebraska. The objective of the HSGP is to build and sustain national preparedness capabilities. The proposed tower would improve public safety and interoperable communications among first responders during an emergency event.

The attached Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared by the applicant in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the President's Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 1500-1508) to implement NEPA, and Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023-01 "Environmental Planning Program" implementing NEPA.

The applicant initiated a public involvement process through a Public Notice and consultation with other Federal and state agencies and interested Tribes.

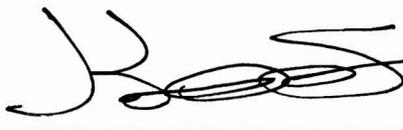
The proposed project as described in the EA was evaluated for any potential significant adverse impacts to soils, water resources including wetlands and floodplains, air quality, threatened and endangered species, migratory birds, noise, land use, cultural resources, and environmental justice. The project was coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nebraska State Historical Society, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, and others.

The applicant is responsible for obtaining and complying with all required local, State and Federal permits and approvals, including any required by the FCC and the Federal Aviation Administration.

**FINDING**

Based upon the EA and in accordance with Presidential Executive Orders 12898 (Environmental Justice), 11988 (Floodplain Management), and 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), FEMA has determined that the proposed action would not have any significant adverse impacts on the human environment. As a result of this FONSI, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared and the proposed project may proceed.

**Approved**



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Date