

# City of Minot

## Engineering Department

December 2, 2011

Mark Vollmer  
Minot Public Schools Superintendent  
215 2<sup>nd</sup> St SE  
Minot, ND 58701

RE: Demolition of Ramstad School

Dear Mr. Vollmer:

On November 22, 2011 an inspection of Ramstad Middle School was conducted by the City of Minot Building Official. During the inspection, the school was found to be in violation of Chapter 9, Article 2 Dangerous Buildings, of the City of Minot Code of Ordinances. A list of the violations is described on the Notice of Dangerous Building placard and enclosed with this letter.

Because of this building's condition and due to the fact it is detrimental to public health and safety, this building must be demolished and the site be abated to be made safe for the public.

This department requests a plan of action for this site so that it can be made safe to the public as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact this office at 701-857-4100.

Sincerely,



Lance Meyer, PE  
City Engineer

Enc: Notice of Dangerous Building

CC: Property file

# FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

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| <b>PART I</b> <i>(To be completed by Federal Agency)</i> | Date Of Land Evaluation Request |
| Name Of Project  | Federal Agency Involved         |
| Proposed Land Use  | County And State                |

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| <b>PART II</b> <i>(To be completed by NRCS)</i>  |   | Date Request Received By NRCS  |                |
| Does the site contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland?<br><i>(If no, the FPPA does not apply -- do not complete additional parts of this form).</i> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>                    | No <input type="checkbox"/>  | Acre Irrigated |
| Major Crop(s)  | Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction<br>Acres: % | Average Farm Size<br>Amount Of Farmland As Defined in FPPA<br>Acres: % |                |
| Name Of Land Evaluation System Used  | Name Of Local Site Assessment System            | Date Land Evaluation Returned By NRCS                                  |                |

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| <b>PART III</b> <i>(To be completed by Federal Agency)</i> | Alternative Site Rating |        |        |        |
|  | Site A                  | Site B | Site C | Site D |
| A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly                    |                         |        |        |        |
| B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly                  |                         |        |        |        |
| C. Total Acres In Site                                     |                         |        |        |        |

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| <b>PART IV</b> <i>(To be completed by NRCS)</i> Land Evaluation Information        |  |  |  |  |
| A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland   |  |  |  |  |
| B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland                              |  |  |  |  |
| C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted            |  |  |  |  |
| D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value |  |  |  |  |

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| <b>PART V</b> <i>(To be completed by NRCS)</i> Land Evaluation Criterion<br>Relative Value Of Farmland To Be Converted <i>(Scale of 0 to 100 Points)</i> |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>PART VI</b> <i>(To be completed by Federal Agency)</i><br>Site Assessment Criteria <i>(These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(b))</i> | Maximum<br>Points |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Area In Nonurban Use   |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Perimeter In Nonurban Use  |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed   |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government  |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Distance From Urban Builtup Area   |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 6. Distance To Urban Support Services   |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average  |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 8. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland   |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 9. Availability Of Farm Support Services  |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 10. On-Farm Investments   |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services  |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use  |                   |  |  |  |  |
| <b>TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS</b>   | <b>160</b>        |  |  |  |  |

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| <b>PART VII</b> <i>(To be completed by Federal Agency)</i>                   |            |  |  |  |  |
| Relative Value Of Farmland <i>(From Part V)</i>                              | 100        |  |  |  |  |
| Total Site Assessment <i>(From Part VI above or a local site assessment)</i> | 160        |  |  |  |  |
| <b>TOTAL POINTS</b> <i>(Total of above 2 lines)</i>                          | <b>260</b> |  |  |  |  |

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| Site Selected: | Date Of Selection | Was A Local Site Assessment Used?<br>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Reason For Selection:



NW0-2011-1624-15 W  
R/SNSCITLGR  
United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Ecological Services  
3425 Miriam Avenue  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58501

SEP 21 2011



Ms. Shanna Braun, Environmental Planner  
Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson, Inc.  
3203 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S, Ste 201  
PO Box 9767  
Fargo, North Dakota 58106-9767

Re: Proposed Northern Lights  
Development, Minot, North Dakota

Dear Ms. Braun:

This is in response to your letter dated August 5, 2011, concerning the proposed Northern Lights Development. The project would involve the development of approximately 400 acres of land in northwest Minot for residential and commercial use.

We offer the following comments under the authority of and in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-57), the Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (ESA), Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 *et seq.*) (MBTA), and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668d, 54 Stat. 250) (BGEPA).

### High-Value Habitat Avoidance

As part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, the Service administers fee title Refuge and Waterfowl Production Areas, as well as wetland and grassland easements, throughout North Dakota. A review of our county plat maps indicates no Service property interests are located near the project area.

Our review of NWI maps indicates that wetland areas are located within the project area. NWI data can be accessed directly by visiting their website at ([wetlands.fws.gov](http://wetlands.fws.gov)). Section 404 of the Clean Water Act regulates placement of fill material in certain wetlands. A Corps of Engineers' 404 permit may be required if fill material will be placed in aquatic sites, including wetlands. Contact Mr. Dan Cimarosti, Regulatory Office, Corps of Engineers, 1513 South 12th Street, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504

(701-255-0015), to determine their permit requirements. If a 404 permit is required, the Service will provide recommendations on this project to the Corps.

North Dakota's "prairie potholes" and their surrounding grasslands are highly productive and support an incredible diversity of wildlife. The area provides habitat for both breeding and migrating birds, as well as a host of other wetland and native grassland dependent species, including waterfowl, shorebirds and grassland birds. We recommend that you avoid construction in these habitat types whenever possible. The Service suggests that the project proponent include a detailed plan to avoid or mitigate for unavoidable impacts to wetlands. If your project will result in unavoidable impacts to wetlands, we request to review a mitigation plan to compensate for all wetland losses.

### **Threatened and Endangered Species**

A list of federally endangered and threatened species that may be present within the proposed project's area of influence is enclosed. This list fulfills requirements of the Service under Section 7 of the ESA. This list remains valid for 90 days.

The Aransas Wood Buffalo Population (AWBP) of whooping cranes is the only self sustaining migratory population of whooping cranes remaining in the wild. These birds breed in the wetlands of Wood Buffalo National Park in Alberta and the Northwest Territories of northern Canada, and overwinter on the Texas coast. Whooping cranes in the AWBP annually migrate through North Dakota during their spring and fall migrations.

The project area appears to be located within the whooping crane migration corridor that includes 95 percent of all confirmed whooping crane sightings in North Dakota (enclosure). The presence of suitable roosting and feeding habitat for whooping cranes document the potential for whooping crane presence in the proposed project area. The highest known source of mortality to fledged whooping cranes is from striking power lines. Currently, collisions with power lines have accounted for the death or serious injury of at least 46 whooping cranes since 1956. If power lines will be constructed in association with this project, the Service recommends they be placed underground to avoid collision mortality. If underground construction is not practicable, we recommend installation and maintenance of visual marking devices on all new power lines within 1 mile of potentially-suitable whooping crane stopover habitat, plus an equal amount of existing line within 1 mile of suitable habitat.

Construction within a significant acreage of suitable stopover wetlands could also indirectly affect migrating cranes, through avoidance of the site resulting in cranes seeking alternate habitat. This avoidance may deny them the use of important habitat, and thus may result in an adverse effect in the form of harm by habitat modification. Whooping cranes use migration stopover habitat opportunistically and may not use the same stopovers annually. Whooping cranes often stop wherever they happen to be late in the day when they find conditions no longer suitable for migration. This tendency can make for a very unpredictable pattern of stopover use, depending on daily weather

conditions. The Service recommends mapping wetlands at the project site, identifying potentially-suitable whooping crane stopover habitat, and analyzing the potential effects to migrating whooping cranes from loss of use of this habitat for migration stopovers.

The Dakota skipper is a small to medium-sized hesperiine butterfly associated with high-quality prairie ranging from wet-mesic tallgrass prairie to dry-mesic mixed grass prairie. The first type of habitat is relatively flat and moist native bluestem prairie. Three species of wildflowers are usually present: wood lily (*Lilium philadelphicum*), harebell (*Campanula rotundifolia*), and smooth camas (*Zygadenus elegans*). The second habitat type is upland (dry) prairie that is often on ridges and hillsides. Bluestem grasses and needlegrasses dominate these habitats. On this habitat type, three wildflowers are typically present in high-quality sites that are suitable for Dakota skipper: pale purple (*Echinacea pallida*) and upright (*E. angustifolia*) coneflowers and blanketflower (*Gaillardia sp.*). Because of the difficulty of surveying for Dakota skippers and a short survey window, we recommend that the project avoid any impacts to potential Dakota skipper habitat. If Dakota skipper habitat is present near the proposed project and you intend to take precautions to avoid impacts to skipper habitat, please notify the Service for further direction.

In 2010, the Sprague's pipit was added to the candidate species list. Migratory bird species such as the Sprague's pipit that are candidates are still protected under the MBTA. Sprague's pipits require large patches of grassland habitat for breeding, with preferred grass height between 4 and 12 inches. The species prefers to breed in well-drained, open grasslands and avoids grasslands with excessive shrubs. They can be found in lightly-to-heavily grazed areas. They avoid intrusive human features on the landscape, so the impact of a development can be much larger than the actual footprint of the feature. If Sprague's pipit habitat is present within or adjacent to the proposed project area, the Service requests that you document any steps taken to avoid and minimize disturbance of this habitat.

The Dakota skipper and Sprague's pipit are candidate species for listing under the ESA. For candidate species such as the Dakota skipper and Sprague's pipit, there is additional management flexibility available which entails developing a Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances (CCAA). CCAAs are formal, voluntary agreements between the Service and one or more parties to address the conservation needs of one or more candidate species. Participants voluntarily commit to implement specific actions designed to remove or reduce threats to the covered species. CCAAs can involve both Federal and non-Federal lands. In some cases, these agreements have been so successful that listing the species proved to be unnecessary. If you would like more information on these programs, please notify the Service for further coordination.

### **Migratory Birds**

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act prohibits the taking, killing, possession, and transportation, (among other actions) of migratory birds, their eggs, parts, and nests, except when specifically permitted by regulations. While the MBTA has no provision for

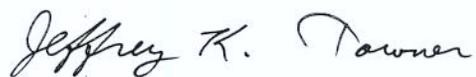
allowing unauthorized take, the USFWS realizes that some birds may be killed during construction even if all known reasonable and effective measures to protect birds are used. The USFWS Office of Law Enforcement carries out its mission to protect migratory birds through investigations and enforcement, as well as by fostering relationships with individuals, companies, and agencies that have taken effective steps to avoid take of migratory birds, and by encouraging others to implement measures to avoid take of migratory birds. It is not possible to absolve individuals, companies, or agencies from liability even if they implement bird mortality avoidance or other similar protective measures. However, the Office of Law Enforcement focuses its resources on investigating and prosecuting individuals and companies that take migratory birds without identifying and implementing all reasonable, prudent and effective measures to avoid that take. Federal agencies are encouraged to work closely with Service biologists to identify available protective measures when developing project plans and/or avian protection plans, and to implement those measures prior to/during construction or similar activities.

To avoid take and minimize disturbance to fish and wildlife resources in the project area, the Service provides the following recommendations:

- To the extent practicable, schedule construction for late summer or fall/early winter so as not to disrupt waterfowl or other wildlife during the breeding season (February 1 to July 15). If work is proposed to take place during the breeding season or at any other time which may result in the take of bald or golden eagles or other migratory birds, their eggs, or active nests, the Service recommends that the project proponent implement all practicable measures to avoid all take, such as suspending construction where necessary and/or maintaining adequate buffers to protect the birds until the young have fledged. The Service further recommends that if you choose to conduct field surveys for nesting birds, including eagles, with the intent of avoiding take, that you maintain any documentation of the presence of eagles or other migratory birds, eggs, and active nests, along with information regarding the qualifications of the biologist(s) performing the survey(s), and any avoidance measures implemented at the project site. Should surveys or other available information indicate a potential for take of eagles or other migratory birds, their eggs, or active nests, the Service requests that you contact this office for further coordination on the extent of the impact and the long-term implications of the intended use of the project on eagles or other migratory bird populations.
- Locate construction to avoid placement of fill in wetlands along the route.
- Replace unavoidable loss of wetland habitat with functionally-equivalent wetlands.
- Install and maintain appropriate erosion control measures to reduce sediment transport to adjacent wetlands and stream channels.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project proposal. If additional information is required, please contact Heidi Riddle of my staff, or contact me directly at (701) 250-4481 or at the letterhead address.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey K. Towner  
Field Supervisor  
North Dakota Field Office

cc: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bismarck  
(Attn: Dan Cimarosti)  
North Dakota Game and Fish Dept., Bismarck

600 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Bismarck, ND 58504  
701.221.8640 Office  
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**FEMA**

April 20, 2012

Jeffery K. Towner  
ND Field Office  
US Fish and Wildlife Service  
3425 Miriam Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58501-7926

Dear Mr. Towner:

This is to provide an Effects Determination on threatened or endangered species in Ward County, North Dakota for the proposed Ramstad Middle School construction project in Minot, Ward County, North Dakota.

On June 22, 2011, the worst flooding in the history of Minot North Dakota was recorded. The flooding of the Souris/Mouse River flooded schools as well as businesses and thousands of homes. Due to the number of schools damaged by the flood, Minot Public Schools are proposing to construct a new middle school at the following location:

SE quadrant of 36<sup>th</sup> Ave NW and 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW and within the NE 1/4 of the SW ¼ of Section 2, Township 155N, Range 83W, in Minot, Ward County, North Dakota.

The project site is actively farmed agricultural land that is located northwest of the Minot International Airport runway within the existing flight pattern. There are three small freshwater emergent wetlands located on the property that could be used as future green space.

Based on multiple project site visits, FEMA's existing agreement with USFWS for the matrix on T&E Species, specifically for Ward County, and the nature of the proposed project and location, FEMA has made a determination of "No Effect".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adrian Stroupe".

Adrian Stroupe  
Environmental Specialist  
Fluor Government Group, Contractor  
FEMA-1981-ND  
600 South Second Street  
Bismarck, ND 58504  
Cell: 571.408.1815



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, OMAHA DISTRICT  
NORTH DAKOTA REGULATORY OFFICE  
1613 SOUTH 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
BISMARCK ND 58504-6640  
August 16, 2011

[NWO-2011-1624-BIS]

Mr. Grady Wolf  
Kadrmass, Lee & Jackson  
PO Box 1157  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58502-1157

Dear Mr. Wolf:

We have reviewed your request for Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers (Corps) jurisdictional determination, on behalf of the Northern Lights LLC, for the proposed construction of residential development in Minot, North Dakota. This project is located in a portion of Sections 2, 10 and 11, Township 155 North, Range 83 West, Ward County, North Dakota.

Based on the information that you provided, we have determined that the 38 wetlands identified in your wetland delineation report are not jurisdictional waters of the United States. Therefore, the proposed residential development, as identified in the attached project location map, is not subject to DA regulatory authorities and no permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act is required from the Corps of Engineers.

An approved jurisdictional determination (JD) has been completed for the project area. The JD will be made available to you upon request, or it may be viewed at our website at: <http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/html/od-rnd/ndhome.htm>. The JD will be available on the website within 30 days. You may also request copies of the supporting materials the Corps used in determining this jurisdiction. If you are not in agreement with the JD, you may request an administrative appeal under Corps of Engineers regulations found at 33 C.F.R. 331. The request for appeal must be received within 60 days from the date of this correspondence. If you would like more information on the jurisdictional appeal process, contact this office. It is not necessary to submit a Request for Appeal if you do not object to the JD. The JD will be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of this letter.

This determination has been conducted to identify the limits of the Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act jurisdiction for the particular site identified in your request. This determination may not be valid for the wetland conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985. If you or your tenants are USDA program participants, or anticipate participation in the USDA programs, you should request a certified wetland determination from the local office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, prior to starting work.

Although a DA permit is not required for this project, this does not eliminate the requirement that you obtain any other applicable Federal, State, Tribal or local permits as required.

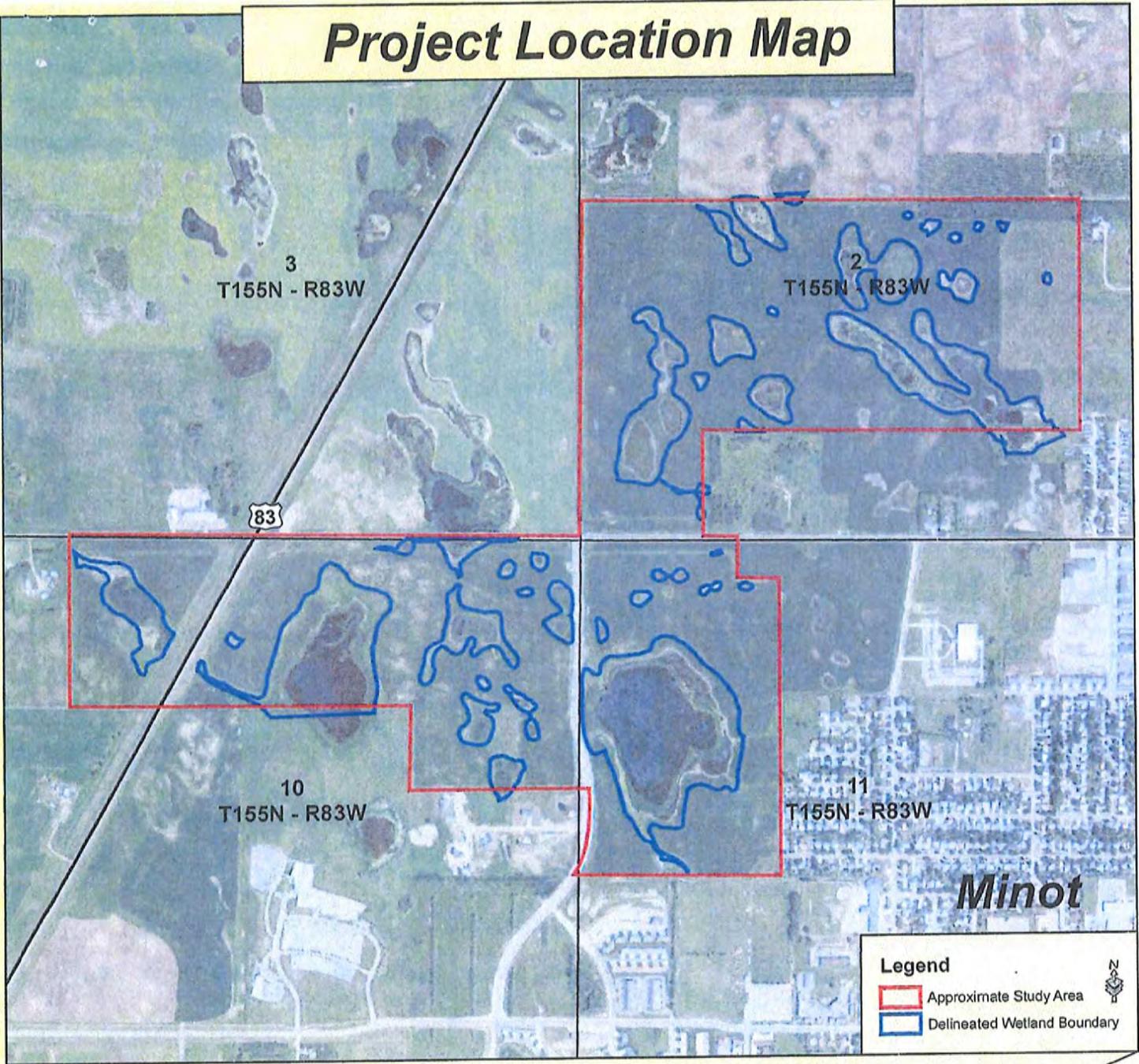
Should you have any questions regarding this determination, please do not hesitate to contact Jason Renschler of this office at telephone number (701)-255-0015 or at the letterhead address and reference project number NWO-2011-1624-BIS.

Sincerely,

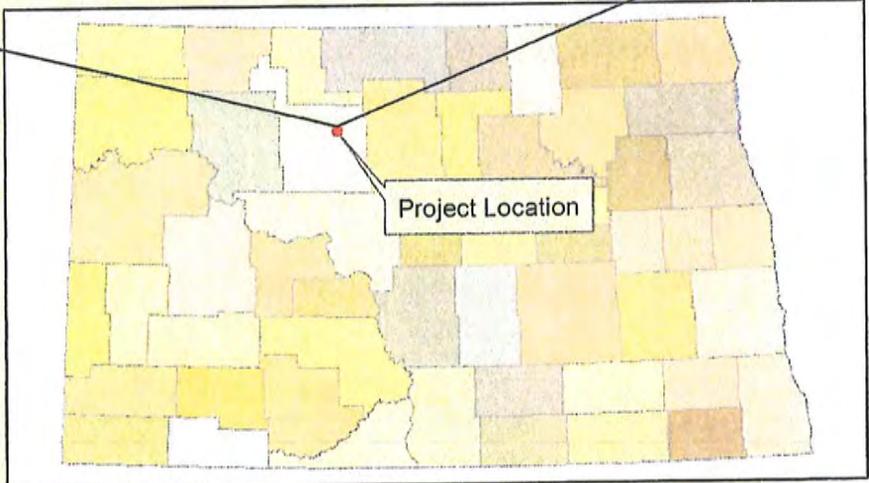
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Daniel E. Cimarosti  
Regulatory Program Manager  
North Dakota

# Project Location Map



Northern Lights Development  
Ward County, Minot, ND



Kadmas  
Lee &  
Jackson  
Engineers Surveyors  
Planners



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March 12, 2012

Ms. Rebecca Forman  
Braun Intertec  
1626 Buerkle Road  
Saint Paul, MN 55110

ND SHPO REF.:12-5708, Construction of New Middle School, 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
NW & 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Minot, Ward County, North Dakota

Dear Ms. Forman,

We reviewed ND SHPO REF.:12-5708, Construction of New Middle School, 36<sup>th</sup>  
Avenue NW & 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Minot, Ward County, North Dakota and if  
consulted by a federal agency we would concur with a recommendation for a Class  
III CRI of the proposed APE, and we look forward to reading the report.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. Please include the ND  
SHPO Reference number listed above in further correspondence for this specific  
project. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Steckler, Preservation  
Planner at (701) 328-3577, [lsteckler@nd.gov](mailto:lsteckler@nd.gov)

Sincerely,

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
(North Dakota) and Director  
State Historical Society of North Dakota



# FEMA

U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
FEMA-DR-1996-MT  
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Denver, CO 80225-0267

04/02/2012

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.  
SHPO  
State Historical Society of North Dakota  
612 E. Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505

**RE: Section 106 Review Consultation,  
Severe Winter Storms and Flooding in North Dakota Counties, DR-1981-ND**

**Undertaking: Proposed New Ramstad Middle School**

**Applicant: Minot Public Schools, Grant County, North Dakota**

Dear Mr. Paaverud:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be providing funds authorized under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, P.L. 93-288, as amended, in response to the following major Disaster Declaration FEMA-DR-1981-ND, dated May 10, 2011 and amendments.

FEMA is initiating Section 106 review for the above referenced project. It is proposed that federal funding through FEMA's Public Assistance program be provided to construct a new middle school. The Area of Potential Effect (APE) is located in T155N, R83W, Section 2: NE ¼ SW ¼ & E ½ NW ¼ SW ¼ (as measured from the Southwest corner) (see attached report).

FEMA has received and reviewed the Class III Cultural Resource Inventory completed by Raina Hanley and Christina Burns, Beaver Creek Archaeology, Inc. (Mandan, ND) on March 2012 for the above-referenced project, and concurs with the consultant's findings that no archaeological sites were identified within the ca. 20-acre Area of Potential Effect (A.P.E.). All work conforms to the guidelines established for archaeological investigations in North Dakota. The report is acceptable as submitted.

In accordance with Section 106 Review Procedures for Federal Undertakings under the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulation (36 CFR Part § 800), FEMA has determined that no historic properties will be affected as a result of the proposed Undertaking.



[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

FEMA respectfully requests your concurrence with this finding. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Charles Bello at the address provided below.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Bello, M.A., RPA

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security ~ FEMA, Region VIII  
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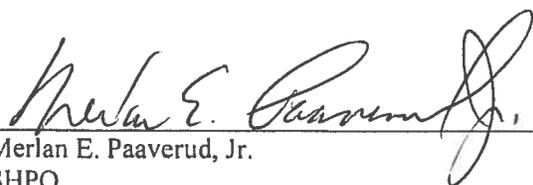
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CC: Steven Hardegen, FEMA, Region VIII, Environmental Officer  
Adrian Stroupe, FEMA Project Specialist  
Rebecca Forman, Braun Intertec  
Erny Leach, FEMA Project Specialist  
John Huenink, Kraus-Anderson

I concur that the project as proposed will have "No Historic Properties Affected"

I do not concur with your findings for the following reason:



Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.  
SHPO  
State Historical Society of North Dakota

Date 4-4-12

February 23, 2012

Project SP-12-00258

Mr. Robert Campbell  
Santee Sioux Tribal Councilman  
108 Spirit Lake Avenue West  
Nibobrara, NE 68760

RE: Request for Traditional Cultural Properties Review  
Proposed New Ramstad Middle School  
SE Quadrant of 36th Ave NW and 16th Street NW  
Minot, ND

Dear Mr. Campbell:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is working with partners at the local and state levels and with other Federal agencies to coordinate the response to the devastating flooding that struck Minot, Ward County, North Dakota in 2011. The Ramstad Middle School was damaged by that flooding. Given the extent of the damage to the building and its location in a flood plain, the school district is applying funding under the Stafford Act to underwrite an improvement project, including the demolition of the substantially damaged structure and construction of a new school at a different location.

For the purposes of this review, these actions will be considered as two undertakings:

- Demolition of the existing structure
- Construction of a new school

Minot Public Schools is proposing the construction of a new middle school located on agricultural land in the SE Quadrant of 36th Ave NW and 16th Street NW and within the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 155N, Range 83W, in Minot, North Dakota. Please refer to the attached maps to clarify the site location.

FEMA is consulting with the North Dakota Heritage Center (NDHC) regarding the need for cultural resource surveys to inventory resources potentially affected by this project. Should an archaeological survey be necessary, all work will follow NDHC-approved methods and will be subject to the Section 106 review process as required by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

As part of the environmental review process for this project, the school district is required to contact Native American groups regarding the possible effect of the proposed project on cultural properties of historic or traditional significance, referred to as Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs). We invite your comments on the potential impacts this project may have on lands traditionally used by or sacred to Native American groups.

We understand the sensitive nature of much of the information regarding TCPs and assure you in advance that any information you provide will be considered privileged and confidential and will not be made public.

After review of the enclosed documentation, please contact Rebecca Forman at the above address or [rforman@braunintertec.com](mailto:rforman@braunintertec.com) with any information or any questions you may have. We would appreciate a response by mail or email from your office within thirty (30) days. If we receive no response within that time, we will assume that the project has no impact to TCPs of interest and will move forward with the project.

Sincerely,

BRAUN INTERTEC CORPORATION

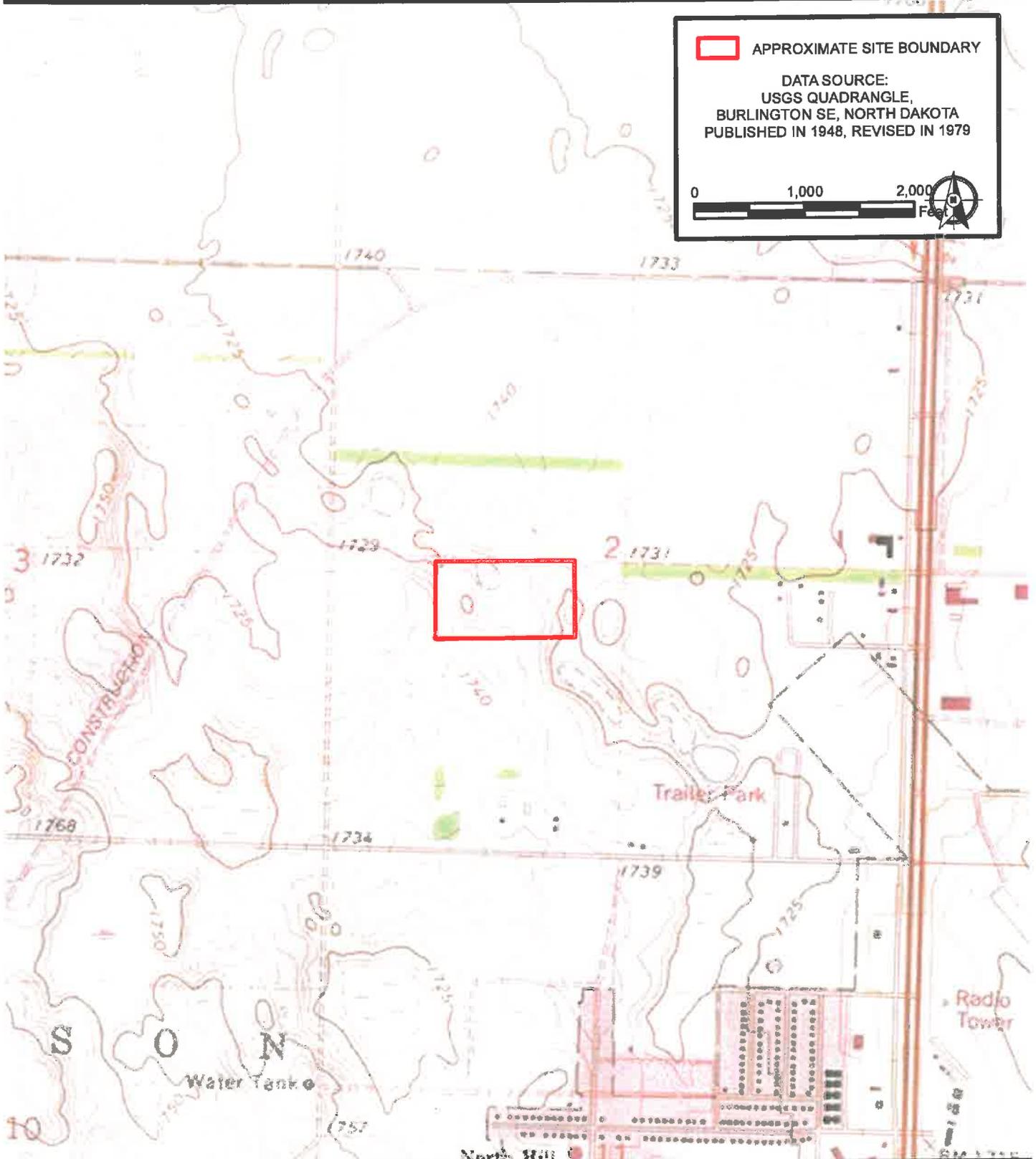


M. Rebecca Forman, PhD, CE  
Project Scientist

 APPROXIMATE SITE BOUNDARY

DATA SOURCE:  
USGS QUADRANGLE,  
BURLINGTON SE, NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLISHED IN 1948, REVISED IN 1979

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Fig. 1

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| Drawing No.    | SP1200258_SiteLoc |
| Scale:         | 1 in = 1,200 ft   |
| Drawn By:      | JMJ               |
| Date Drawn:    | 2/16/12           |
| Checked By:    | MRF               |
| Last Modified: | 2/16/12           |

**SITE LOCATION MAP**  
**PROPOSED NEW RAMSTAD MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**SE QUADRANT OF 36TH AVE NW AND 16TH STREET NW**  
**MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA**

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Project SP-12-00258

Mr. Elgin CrowsBreast  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation  
404 Frontage Road  
New Town, ND 58763

RE: Request for Traditional Cultural Properties Review  
Proposed New Ramstad Middle School  
SE Quadrant of 36th Ave NW and 16th Street NW  
Minot, ND

Dear Mr. CrowsBreast:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is working with partners at the local and state levels and with other Federal agencies to coordinate the response to the devastating flooding that struck Minot, Ward County, North Dakota in 2011. The Ramstad Middle School was damaged by that flooding. Given the extent of the damage to the building and its location in a flood plain, the school district is applying funding under the Stafford Act to underwrite an improvement project, including the demolition of the substantially damaged structure and construction of a new school at a different location.

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We understand the sensitive nature of much of the information regarding TCPs and assure you in advance that any information you provide will be considered privileged and confidential and will not be made public.

After review of the enclosed documentation, please contact Rebecca Forman at the above address or [rforman@braunintertec.com](mailto:rforman@braunintertec.com) with any information or any questions you may have. We would appreciate a response by mail or email from your office within thirty (30) days. If we receive no response within that time, we will assume that the project has no impact to TCPs of interest and will move forward with the project.

Sincerely,

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M. Rebecca Forman, PhD, CE  
Project Scientist

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Mr. Dennis Eagle Bear  
THPO  
Rosebud Sioux Tribe  
PO Box 809  
Rosebud, SD 57570

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Mr. Kade Ferris  
Director of Nature Resource  
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa  
P.O. Box 900  
Belcourt, ND 58316

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