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Cc: Yilma, Haimanot; James Prikryl
Subject: Re: Follow Up for the Proposed Dewey-Burdock Insitu Recovery Project, Fall River and Custer Counties, South Dakota
Attachments: pic27753.gif; FWS letter from 2010 pdf.pdf

Amy,

I do not have any updates/changes to the species you have listed. I expect that you will also address potential wetland impacts in the draft SEIS.

Thanks,

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Mr. Quesinberry,

This email is to follow up on the attached March 29, 2010 letter that your office sent to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regarding federally threatened or endangered species of concern for the proposed Dewey-Burdock in-situ recovery facility. The 2010 letter identified two endangered species, the whooping crane and black-footed ferret, and a candidate species, the Greater sage-grouse, that could potentially occur in the counties where the proposed project is located. As part of our independent analysis, NRC staff reviewed available Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) documents and websites and determined that the Sprague's pipit (*Anthus spragueii*) is also a candidate bird species that could occur in the counties where the proposed project is located. We would like to confirm whether there are any additional species that the FWS has identified for this proposed project.

Based on our initial assessment, NRC staff determines that a biological assessment or Section 7 consultation under the Endangered Species Act are not warranted for this proposed project because no adverse effects to federally threatened, endangered, or candidate species are expected. The bases for our determination will be provided in the draft SEIS.

Thank you for providing any updated information you may have that should be included in the draft SEIS.

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(See attached file: FWS letter from 2010 pdf.pdf)