NDDOT THREATENED, ENDANGERED, AND CRITICAL HABITAT AFFECT DETERMINATIONS

North Dakota Department of Transportation, Environmental & Transportation Services

SFN 62739 (6-2026)

Refer to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) County Occurrence of Endangered, Threatened, Proposed, and Candidate Species and Designated Critical Habitat in North Dakota Table on the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) References and Forms Page to determine which species may be found in the county or counties in which the project is located. The USFWS Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) Website may also be used at the following link: https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/

Project Number	PCN	Location	County(s)

Determine if the scope of work for the proposed project will require NDDOT Biologist review based on the criteria described for the species/critical habitat below. If review is required for one or more species, a biological assessment, Section 7 Determination Package, or Northern Long-Eared Bat (NLEB) documentation may be needed. Contact the NDDOT Biologist for any questions.

Note: If a species is not present for a county, only "Not Present" should be checked.

Species	Listing	Guidance	NDDOT Biologist Review Required?		Determination		Additional Documentation Included
			Yes	No	Not Present	No Effect	
Whooping Crane	Endangered	**NDDOT Biologist Review required** for the adjustment (raising, relocating) of existing above-ground utility lines, or for newly placed poles/towers that require overhead lines/guy wires, unless the adjustments or new installations are in a highly developed or urban area. Review also required for projects requiring major earthwork (i.e., new road construction or roadway widening projects over 1 mile in length) in rural areas within ½ mile of cropland/wetland associations located within the whooping crane migration corridor. Projects outside of the migration corridor do not require NDDOT Biologist review. See link below for a map of the whooping crane migration corridor. Click the layers tab, then select the whooping crane migration corridor layer. https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Gray Wolf	Endangered	**NDDOT Biologist Review required** for roadway projects of 2 or more lanes on a new location (i.e., construction of a new roadway).	☐	☑	☐	☑	
Pallid Sturgeon	Endangered	**NDDOT Biologist Review required** for work in or along the shoreline of the Missouri River (including reservoirs) and Yellowstone River Systems. Review is also required for in-water work on any direct tributary (within ½ mile) of the Missouri River (including reservoirs) and the Yellowstone River Systems.	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Poweshiek Skipperling	Endangered	**NDDOT Biologist Review required** for work occurring outside of the right of way (ROW) in Richland and Sargent Counties within undisturbed native tall grass prairie and wet swales. If ground disturbing activities occur outside the ROW in these counties, Environmental and Transportation Services (ETS) or a consultant will need to conduct a habitat assessment for this species.	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Piping Plover	Threatened	**NDDOT Biologist Review required** for construction activities occurring outside the paved or graveled surface of the roadway and within ½ mile of designated piping plover critical habitat or known nesting sites from April 15 through August 31. Piping Plover designated critical habitat maps are located on the following website: **https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?wer=ext_wildlifemap**	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Western Prairie Fringed Orchid	Threatened	**NDDOT Biologist Review required** for all ground disturbing activities on non-flooded, undisturbed ground, known habitat, and native prairie. The species may also be found in roadside ditches, with a high probability of the species occurring in or near the Sheyenne National Grasslands. If ground-disturbing activities will be required in Ransom or Richland counties, a survey by ETS or a consultant for this species must be completed prior to ground-disturbance.	☐	☐	☐	☐	

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Rufa Red Knot	Threatened	**NDDOT Biologist Review required** for construction activities occurring outside the paved or graveled surface of the roadway and within ½ mile of designated piping plover critical habitat or known nesting sites (species is rare in North Dakota and uses similar habitats as piping plovers during their migration). Piping Plover designated critical habitat maps are located on the following website: **https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap**	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Dakota Skipper	Threatened	**NDDOT Biologist Review required** for ground disturbing activities outside of the right of way in native prairie containing a high diversity of wildflowers and grasses indicative of Dakota skipper "Type A" or "Type B" habitat. Dakota skippers are not likely to be present in cropped areas, previously cropped areas, non-native hay-lands, pasture, or other grassland that is dominated by non-native species, or in areas where trees or shrubs predominate. The species may occur in some grazed lands that are dominated by native prairie vegetation. If native prairie would be impacted by the project, ETS or a consultant will need to conduct a habitat assessment for this species following the most current USFWS Dakota Skipper ND Survey Protocol.	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Northern Long-Eared Bat	Endangered	**NDDOT Biologist Review required** for work on structures* (bridges, box culverts, slab, pipe, or plate structures (SPPs), and corrugated metal culverts over 4.5 feet in diameter), the removal of trees or buildings, or ground disturbance in areas with caves, mines, and rock crevices.*Work on structures requires **bridge/structure bat assessments** (linked PDF), unless exempted by NDDOT Biologist.	☐	☐	☐	☐	

Designated Critical Habitat

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Piping Plover Critical Habitat	Designated	**NDDOT Biologist Review required** for ground disturbing activities occurring outside the paved or graveled surface of the roadway and within ½ mile of designated piping plover critical habitat or known nesting sites. Piping Plover proposed critical habitat maps are located at the following website: **https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap**	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Poweshiek Skipperling Critical Habitat	Designated	**NDDOT Biologist Review required** for ground disturbing activities within 0.6 mile of the Poweshiek Skipperling critical habitat. Poweshiek Skipperling proposed critical habitat maps are located at the following website: **https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap**	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Dakota Skipper Critical Habitat	Designated	**NDDOT Biologist Review required** for ground disturbing activities within 0.6 mile of Dakota Skipper critical habitat. Dakota Skipper proposed critical habitat maps are located at the following website: **https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap**	☐	☐	☐	☐	