

**Programmatic Biological Assessment Species Consistency Evaluation Form
Upper Great Plains Region Wind Energy Development Program
Impact Information and Consistency Determination**

Sprague's pipit (*Anthus spragueii*)

Project Name: _____

Company: _____

Best Management Practices

All general BMPs, as stated in the final *Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Upper Great Plains Region Wind Energy Program* and table 4.5-1 of the final *Programmatic Biological Assessment for the Upper Great Plains Region Wind Energy Program*, will be implemented where appropriate, during each phase of the project (i.e., site characterization, construction, operations, and decommissioning). Although not all-inclusive, several of the more important BMPs for the conservation of this species follow.

Reseed (non-cropland) disturbed areas with a native seed mix and revegetate disturbed areas immediately following construction.

Species-Specific Avoidance Measures

Conduct preconstruction evaluations and/or surveys in areas of potential occurrence to identify suitable habitat and areas of occurrence within project boundaries.

Avoid placement of meteorological towers, turbines, access roads, and transmission lines within 1,000 ft (304.8 m) of native prairie tracts 160 ac (65 ha) or larger.

Species-Specific Minimization Measures

Design layouts to minimize further fragmentation of native prairie habitats that are suitable for Sprague's pipit.

All new meteorological towers should be self-supporting and not guyed. If guy wires are unavoidable, they should be marked with approved bird flight diverters.

Impact Information

Project within county with recorded Sprague's pipit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Preconstruction evaluations conducted with USFWS?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Dates: _____
Parties involved: _____			
Suitable native prairie habitat in or near project footprint?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Distance from suitable native prairie habitat:	_____		Miles
Block size of suitable habitat: 160 ac (65 ha) or larger	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Has habitat been surveyed to protocol?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Dates of survey: _____
Result of survey:	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied (species detected)	<input type="checkbox"/> Not occupied (species not detected)	
Distance from turbines, access roads, and transmission lines to occupied native prairie tracts 160 ac (65 ha) or larger:	_____		Feet or _____ Miles
Meteorological towers proposed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Guyed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Marked with approved bird flight diverters?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Map of project footprint and species habitat attached?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Effects—Explanation of consistency determination with programmatic effects determination of "may affect, not likely to adversely affect" or "no effect":
