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Western conducted formal scoping for the proposed Project. While scoping is not required for an Environmental Assessment (EA) (40 CFR Part 1501), scoping is encouraged by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) as a means to identify potential issues related to proposed federal actions.

On August 5, 2013, notice of the proposed Project and an upcoming scoping meeting was sent to property owners within and adjacent to the Project Area. The letter described the Project and established a scoping period from August 22 through September 23, 2013. A sample notification letter is provided in Appendix A. The meeting was also advertised in the Dickinson Press and local radios stations.

On August 22, 2013, Western held a scoping meeting for the Project. The meeting was held from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Dickinson, North Dakota. A total of 22 people attended the meeting:

- Western: Lou Hanebury, Environmental Protection Specialist;
- Infinity Wind/Sunflower Wind Project, LLC:
  - Casey Willis, Project Manager;
  - Bob Baur, Senior Land Agent; and
  - Dale Bennett, Environmental Consultant (Tetra Tech, Inc.); and
- Eighteen private citizens, as indicated on the sign-in sheet (see Appendix A).

Lou Hanebury opened the meeting with a brief description of the Project and a discussion of Western's responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Mr. Hanebury reviewed the steps for preparation of an EA, including the scoping period and opportunities to submit comments. Mr. Hanebury noted that forms for submitting written comments were available at the meeting and that comments could be submitted by email.

Casey Willis then described the proposed 110 megawatt (MW) Project, located in Stark and Morton counties. Mr. Willis discussed the state of the conceptual design at that point, and presented a map showing preliminary turbine corridors. Then, Mr. Willis and Mr. Hanebury took questions from attendees.

Fifteen individuals submitted comment forms requesting a copy of the Draft EA. None of these individuals indicated any other comment. Two email comments were subsequently received, one expressing general opposition to wind turbines and one requesting more detail on the design of the Project (see Appendix B).

«First Name»	«Last Name»	«Job Title»	«Company/agency»	«Address 1»	«Address 2»	«City»	«State»	«Zip»
John	Fowler	Executive Director	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation	Old Post Office Building, Suite 803	1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW	Washington	DC	20004
Ken	Zander	Chairman	Stark County Commission	Stark County Courthouse	PO Box 130	Dickinson	ND	58601
Russ	Hoff	Vice Chairman	Stark County Commission	Stark County Courthouse	PO Box 130	Dickinson	ND	58601
Pete	Kuntz	Commissioner	Stark County Commission	Stark County Courthouse	PO Box 130	Dickinson	ND	58601
Duane	Wolf	Commissioner	Stark County Commission	Stark County Courthouse	PO Box 130	Dickinson	ND	58601
Jay	Elkin	Commissioner	Stark County Commission	Stark County Courthouse	PO Box 130	Dickinson	ND	58601
Bruce	Strinden	Chair	Morton County Commission	Morton County Courthouse	210 2nd Ave. NW	Mandan	ND	58554
Andy	Zachmeier	Vice Chair	Morton County Commission	Morton County Courthouse	210 2nd Ave. NW	Mandan	ND	58554
Jim	Boehm	Commissioner	Morton County Commission	Morton County Courthouse	210 2nd Ave. NW	Mandan	ND	58554
Ron	Leingang	Commissioner	Morton County Commission	Morton County Courthouse	210 2nd Ave. NW	Mandan	ND	58554
Cody	Schulz	Commissioner	Morton County Commission	Morton County Courthouse	210 2nd Ave. NW	Mandan	ND	58554
Bonnie	Twogood	District Manager	Central Stark & Western Soil Conservation District		2948 4th Ave. West, Room C	Dickinson	ND	58601
Jim	Hophauf	District Board Chair	Morton County Soil Conservation District		3360 58th St.	Flasher	ND	58535
Lawrence & Amy	Igl	President	Dakota Prairie Audubon Society		1514 Skyline Lane	Jamestown	ND	58401
Steve	Adair	Regional Director	Ducks Unlimited Great Plains Regional Office		2525 River Road	Bismarck	ND	58503-9011
Pete	Solemsaas	County Executive Director	Stark County Farm Service Agency		2493 4th Ave. W Room B	Dickinson	ND	58601-2623
Linda	Urlacher	County Executive Director	Morton County Farm Service Agency		2540 Overlook Ln	Mandan	ND	58554
Barry	Cooper	Regional Administrator	Federal Aviation Administration, Great Lakes Region	O'Hare Lake Office Center	2300 East Devon Avenue	Des Plaines	IL	60018
Steve	Hardegen	Regional Environmental Officer	Federal Emergency Management Agency Region VIII	Environmental & Historic Preservation	Denver Federal Center, Building 710, Box 25267	Denver	CO	80225-0267
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Wendall	Meyer	Division Administrator	Federal Highway Administration	North Dakota Division	1471 Interstate Loop	Bismarck	ND	58503-0567
Mary	Podoll	State Conservationist	Natural Resources Conservation Service	North Dakota State Office	220 East Rosser Ave, Federal Building, Rm 270	Bismarck	ND	58501
Jay	Fuhrer	District Conservationist	Natural Resources Conservation Service	Bismarck Field Office	916 E. Interstate Ave, Suite 6	Bismarck	ND	58503
Terrance	Gisvold	Assistant State Conservationist	Natural Resources Conservation Service	Dickinson Area Office	135 Sims St., Ste 210	Dickinson	ND	58601
Doug	Goehring	Agriculture Commissioner	North Dakota Department of Agriculture		600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept 602	Bismarck	ND	58505-0020
Paul	Lucy	Director	North Dakota Department of Commerce	Economic Development and Finance Division	PO Box 2057	Bismarck	ND	58502-2057
Kevin	Levi	District Engineer	North Dakota Department of Transportation	Bismarck District	218 South Airport Road	Bismarck	ND	58504-6003
Larry	Gangl	District Engineer	North Dakota Department of Transportation	Dickinson District	1700 Third Avenue West, Suite 101	Dickinson	ND	58601-3009
Terry	Steinwand	Director	North Dakota Game and Fish Department		100 N. Bismarck Expressway	Bismarck	ND	58501-5095
Kelly	Armstrong	Senator	North Dakota State Senate	District 36	513 Elks Drive	Dickinson	ND	58601-2947
Alan	Fehr	Representative	North Dakota House of Representatives	District 36	10641 Highway 10	Dickinson	ND	58601-9567
Mike	Schatz	Representative	North Dakota House of Representatives	District 36	400 Ninth St. East	New England	ND	58647-7528
Scott	Davis	Executive Director	North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission	600 East Boulevard Avenue	1st Floor Judicial Wing, Rm 117	Bismarck	ND	58505
Mark	Zimmerman	Director	North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department		1600 E. Century Ave, Suite 3	Bismarck	ND	58503
Darrell	Nitschke	Executive Secretary	North Dakota Public Service Commission		600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Dept 408	Bismarck	ND	58505-0480
Fern	Swenson	Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer	North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office		612 East Boulevard Ave.	Bismarck	ND	58505
Lance	Gaebe	Land Commissioner	North Dakota State Land Department	1707 North 9th Street	PO Box 5523	Bismarck	ND	58506-5523
Jack	Dalrymple	Governor	Office of the Governor		600 East Boulevard Avenue	Bismarck	ND	58505-0001
Jeffrey	Anderson		Pheasants Forever	Southwestern Area Chapter 276	901 Sims St.	Dickinson	ND	58601-3941
Wayde	Schafer	Chairperson	Sierra Club	North Dakota Office	311 North Mandan St, Suite 1	Bismarck	ND	58501
Merlan	Paaverud, Jr.	Director	State Historic Society of North Dakota	State Historic Preservation Office	612 East Boulevard Avenue	Bismarck	ND	58505
Bob	Paulson	Western Dakotas Program Director	The Nature Conservancy		822 Main Street	Rapid City	SD	57701
Daniel	Cimarosti	Regulatory Program Manager	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District	ND Regulatory Office	1513 South 12th Street	Bismarck	ND	58504-6640
Matthew	Ponish	National Environmental Compliance	U.S. Department of Agriculture		1400 Independence Ave., SW STOP 513	Washington	DC	20250
Willie	Taylor, Ph.D.	Director	U.S. Department of the Interior	Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance	1849 C Street, NW MS 2462	Washington	DC	20240
Suzanne	Bohan	NEPA Program Director	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	EPA Region 8 (8EPR-N)	1595 Wynkoop St.	Denver	CO	80202-1129
Shaun	McGrath	Regional Administrator	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8	EPA Region 8 (8EPR-N)	1595 Wynkoop St.	Denver	CO	80202-1129
Jeff	Towner	Field Supervisor	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	North Dakota Field Office	3425 Miriam Avenue	Bismarck	ND	58501-7926
Leon	Carl	Regional Director	U.S. Geological Survey	Midwest Region	1451 Green Rd.	Ann Arbor	MI	48105
Kevin	Cramer	Congressman	United States House of Representatives	220 East Rosser Avenue	328 Federal Building	Bismarck	ND	58501
John	Hoeven	U.S. Senator	United States Senate		338 Russell Senate Office Building	Washington	DC	20510
Heidi	Heitkamp	U.S. Senator	United States Senate		SH-502 Hart Senate Office Building	Washington	DC	20510
Kevin	Nelson	Superintendent	Hebron School District		PO Box Q	Hebron	ND	58638

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Grant	Walth	Mayor	City of Hebron		PO Box V	Hebron	ND	58638
Dennis	Johnson	Mayor, Commission President	City of Dickinson	City Hall	99 2nd St. E	Dickinson	ND	58601
Russ	Myran	Mayor	City of Taylor		PO Box 68	Taylor	ND	58656-0068
Frank	Kirschenheiter	Mayor	City of Richardton		120 N Main	Richardton	ND	58652
Ray	Haverluk	Mayor	City of Glen Ullin		PO Box 202	Glen Ullin	ND	58631-0202

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Alfred & Margery Underdahl Trustees	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Anheluk, Richard D	██████████	Rapid City	South Dakota	57702-1704
Archie J & Anne Marie Wanner	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Armin Heinle	██████████	McClusky	North Dakota	58463
August C Draeb	██████████	Surprise	Arizona	85374
Beaver Creek Farms Trust	██████████	Richardton	North Dakota	58652
Bennie J Schneider	██████████	Richardton	North Dakota	58652
Beverly Ann Potter	██████████	Bismarck	North Dakota	58501
Bonita K Schantz	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Brandt, Dale	██████████	Horace	North Dakota	58047
Brandt, Dion	██████████	Wyoming	Minnesota	55092
Chester M & Bonita K Schantz	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Clint Scott Schneider	██████████	Dickinson	North Dakota	58601
Dale C Heinle	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
David J & Claudia Meberg	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
David K Jose	██████████	North Oaks	Minnesota	55127
David L Opp	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Dean A Klein	██████████	North Oaks	Minnesota	55127
Diede, Alfred & Lorine	██████████	Richardton	North Dakota	58652
Diede, Dale	██████████	Richardton	North Dakota	58652
Diede, Gloria Ann	██████████	Mandan	North Dakota	58554
Dittus, Larry And Margaret	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Douglas Lennick	██████████	Minneapolis	Minnesota	55410
Draeb, Jon D	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Draeb, Mark S	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58639
Duane & Rita Opp	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Eleanore R Opp Trust	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638

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Elkins, Vivian Etal	██████████	Taylor	North Dakota	58656
Ellen A/Family Trust Perkins	████████████████████	Carmichael	California	95608
Erdle, Mitch A	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58640
Evangeline Treiber	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Eveline Schulz	██████████████████	Longview	Washington	98632
Follman, Randy & Kristi Dick	██████████	Leeds	North Dakota	58346
Fred J & Arlene M Berger	██████████	Mandan	North Dakota	58554
Friedt, Arnie	██████████	Richardton	North Dakota	58562
Friez, Arlis C/O Krein, Arthur	██████████	Richardton	North Dakota	58568
Gappert, Robert	██████████	Mandan	North Dakota	58555
Gary Langer	██████████████	Bismarck	North Dakota	58504
Gary Schantz	██████████	Glen Ullin	North Dakota	58631
Gary W/& Leslie C Schantz Schantz	██████████	Glen Ullin	North Dakota	58631
George & Karen Saxowsky	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
George M Ding	██████████	Glen Ullin	North Dakota	58631
Glen Ullin S D #48	██████████	Glen Ullin	North Dakota	58631
Gloria Ann Diede	██████████████	Mandan	North Dakota	58554
Gomke, Carol Etal	██████████	Flasher	North Dakota	58535
Gomke, Marlene & Ervin	██████████	Mandan	North Dakota	58556
Hansen Et Al, Verna	██████████	Bismarck	North Dakota	58501
Hansen, William A	██████████	Seaside Park	New Jersey	08752
Hefta, Troy M & Terry J &	██████████	West Fargo	North Dakota	58078
Heinle Trust, Kathleen K	██████████	Maple Grove	Minnesota	55311-3527
Heinle, Chad	██████████	Chaska	Minnesota	55318
Heinle, Dale & Constance	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Heinle, Harlen Etal	██████████	Marion	Illinois	62959
Heinle, Ida Life Estate	██████████	Marion	Illinois	62959

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Heinle, Jeffrey	[REDACTED]	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Heinle, Justin	[REDACTED]	Bismarck	North Dakota	58503
Heinle, Malcolm J	[REDACTED]	Eagan	Minnesota	55121
Helen K Hassebrock	[REDACTED]	Dickinson	North Dakota	58601
Hoerauf Fam Rev Trust	[REDACTED]	Bismarck	North Dakota	58501
Hoerauf Family Farm Ptshp Llp	[REDACTED]	Fargo	North Dakota	58102
Hoerauf, Lyle R	[REDACTED]	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Hoerauf, Roland	[REDACTED]	Fargo	North Dakota	58102
Hoff, Brock N & Casey M	[REDACTED]	Richardton	North Dakota	58563
Ida Heinle	[REDACTED]	Marion	Illinois	62959
Ida Langer	[REDACTED]	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
James C Schaaf	[REDACTED]	Glen Ullin	North Dakota	58631
Janet Sayler	[REDACTED]	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Jeffrey Heinle	[REDACTED]	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Jerry V Kuntz	[REDACTED]	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
John E Langer	[REDACTED]	Mesa	Arizona	85215
Jose, David	[REDACTED]	North Oaks	Minnesota	55127
Kenneth R Schatz	[REDACTED]	Granite City	Illinois	62040
Kevin & Antoinette Staiger	[REDACTED]	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Kitzan, Brian	[REDACTED]	Bismarck	North Dakota	58504
Kitzan, Florence	[REDACTED]	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Kitzan, Gregory Etal	[REDACTED]	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Kitzan, Hillia Life Estate	[REDACTED]	Richardton	North Dakota	58652
Kitzan, Perry & Cary	[REDACTED]	Richardton	North Dakota	58652
Kitzan, Steven	[REDACTED]	Richardton	North Dakota	58652
Klein, Delores	[REDACTED]	Bismarck	North Dakota	58501
Krein, Kenneth W	[REDACTED]	Richardton	North Dakota	58564

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Kreis, Russell C	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Larry Heinle	██████████████	Bismarck	North Dakota	58501
Larry L & Margaret Dittus	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Larry/Et Al Schroeder	██████████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Lauren Cahterine Dietemann Trust	██████████	Dickinson	North Dakota	58602
Leingang, Scott & Amy	██████████████	Richardton	North Dakota	58652
Leslie C. Schantz	██████████	Glen Ullin	North Dakota	58631
Leutz, Phyllis	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Lorina Schantz	██████████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Luella Gomke	██████████████	Big Arm	Montana	59910
Lyle & Brenda Voth	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Lyle R Hoerauf	██████████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Lynn J Underdahl	██████████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Matthew Miller	██████████	Glen Ullin	North Dakota	58631
Meberg, David & Claudia	██████████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Mike J Gerving	██████████	Glen Ullin	North Dakota	58631
Mildred M Schneider	██████████████	Horace	North Dakota	58047
Miles J Schantz	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Opp, David L	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Opp, Duane S	██████████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Phyllis M & Roger F Leutz	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
R Stanley Schneider	██████████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Randall F Schantz	██████████	Glen Ullin	North Dakota	58631
Raymond A Vetter	██████████████	Elgin	North Dakota	58533
Raymond Diede	██████████████	Bismarck	North Dakota	58503
Reich, Dennis & Donna	██████████████	Richardton	North Dakota	58565
Reich, Dori	██████████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58641

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Richard A & Loretta Schantz Family Trust	██████████	Glen Ullin	North Dakota	58631
Richard W & Kathleen M Zimmerman	██████████	Bismarck	North Dakota	58501
Robert B & Jessica G Scull	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Robert R & Kathleen Schneider	██████████	Spearfish	South Dakota	57783
Rodney & Karla Staiger	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Roger & Sheila Schantz	██████████	Glen Ullin	North Dakota	58631
Roger Vetter	██████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Ronald Schantz	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Russell C Kreis	██████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Schank, Dale	██████████	Mandan	North Dakota	58557
Schantz, Bonita K	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Schantz, Chester M	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Schantz, Miles J	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Schlenvogt, Timothy	██████████	Brighton	Colorado	80602
Schneider Family Land Trust	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58642
Schneider, Bennie J & Helen	██████████	Richardton	North Dakota	58566
Schneider, Clint	██████████	Dickinson	North Dakota	58601
Schneider, Clint S	██████████	Medora	North Dakota	58645
Schneider, Gailen & Linda	██████	Hebron	North Dakota	58643
Schneider, Mildred	██████████	Horace	North Dakota	58047
Schneider, R Stanley	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Schneider, R Stanley	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Schneider, Richard	██████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Schneider, Scott	██████████	Richardton	North Dakota	58652
Staiger, David & Cynthia Funk	██████████	Moorhead	Minnesota	56560-5411
State Of North Dakota	██████████	Bismarck	North Dakota	58506
Steve & Ruth Hubsmith, Trustees	██████████	Twin Falls	Idaho	83301

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Terras, Timothy H Etal	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58645
Terry Meuchel	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Terry Schantz & Roger Schantz Trstz	██████████	Glen Ullin	North Dakota	58631
Tim Meuchel	██████████	Glen Ullin	North Dakota	58631
Treiber, Reuben	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Trustees Hansen Trust	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Underdahl Family Trust, A & M	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Underdahl, Lynn J	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58639
Vetter, Raymond A	██████████	Elgin	North Dakota	58533
Vetter, Roger	██████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Virginia J & Eugene P Veil	██████████	Bismarck	North Dakota	58503
Vivian J & Roy H Bauer	██████████	Bismarck	North Dakota	58503
Voth, Lyle And Brenda	██████████	Hebron	North Dakota	58638
Wanner, Clyde & Rochelle	██████████	Dickinson	North Dakota	58601
Wetzstein, Dawn M	██████████	Bismarck	North Dakota	58503
Will, Edith C/O Krein, Arthur	██████████	Richardton	North Dakota	58569
William A Hansen	██████████	Seaside Park	New Jersey	8752
William C/Residuary Trust Hansen	██████████	Dickinson	North Dakota	58601
Wm G Jones	██████	Glen Ullin	North Dakota	58631
Zhorela, Tamra Etal	██████████	Grand Forks	North Dakota	58631
Zimmerman, Richard	██████████	Bismarck	North Dakota	58501

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Western Area Power Administration will hold a public scoping meeting to define the scope of the Sunflower Wind Project Environmental Assessment. The meeting location is handicapped accessible. To learn more about this project and to share your ideas, join us at:

5 to 8 pm MST Thursday,  
August, 22 2013  
Hampton Inn and Suites  
110 14th Street West

Dickinson, North Dakota 58601

For more information about the proposed project or to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

Lou Hanebury, Environmental  
Protection Specialist  
Western Area Power Administration  
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Billings, MT 59107-5800  
PHONE: (800) 358-3415, FAX:  
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By: [Katherine Lynn](#), The Dickinson Press

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The project is expected to produce enough power for about 38,000 homes annually.

Infinity has requested an interconnection with the Western Area Power Administration's transmission line that runs from Di

The 9,000-acre project will sit south of Hebron and west of Glen Ullin.

Hebron Mayor Grant Walth said he hasn't heard any opposition, and that it's likely because of the money to be made from

Lou Hanebury of the Western Area Power Administration was in the area last week for a public input meeting on the project and that a number of people came because they were interested in leasing their land for it.

According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, in southwestern North Dakota, there are five existing wind energy projects

Infinity also has two other wind power projects proposed for North Dakota, in Mercer and Oliver counties.

The "public scoping period" continues through Sept. 23. Anyone can send comments to Hanebury at [hanebury@wapa.gov](mailto:hanebury@wapa.gov) Administration: P.O. Box 35800, Billings, MT 59107.

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Dear Customers and Interested Parties:

Western Area Power Administration (Western) is announcing the scoping period for the Sunflower Wind Project Environmental Assessment (EA). The Sunflower Wind Project involves the proposed construction of an approximate 80-MW wind farm generating facility that includes up to 50 turbines, an underground power collection system, a substation, a new overhead transmission line, access roads, and a maintenance and operation center. The Sunflower Wind Project will be located to the south of Hebron and west of Glen Ullin in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota.

The location of the project is reflected in the enclosed figure. The proposed project would interconnect with Western's Dickinson to Mandan 230-kV transmission line. Western is preparing an EA in order to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which requires Western to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action. NEPA also requires that federal agencies seek public input on proposed projects.

The wind farm is sited on private land holdings, some of which include Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contract lands. Wind turbines are proposed to be installed on land with CRP contracts. The land has traditionally been used for agricultural and grazing and, except for the contracted CRP land, will continue as grazing lands and agricultural fields.

The scoping period provides an opportunity for the public, and the federal, state, and local agencies, as well as tribal governments, to identify issues or alternatives that help define the scope of the EA. The public scoping period begins on August 22, 2013, and ends on September 23, 2013. One public scoping meeting will be held to provide an opportunity for the public to submit scoping comments on the proposal in person, and talk to staff working on the project. The scoping meeting will be held on August 22, 2013, between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Hampton Inn and Suites, 110 14<sup>th</sup> Street West, Dickinson, North Dakota, 58601.

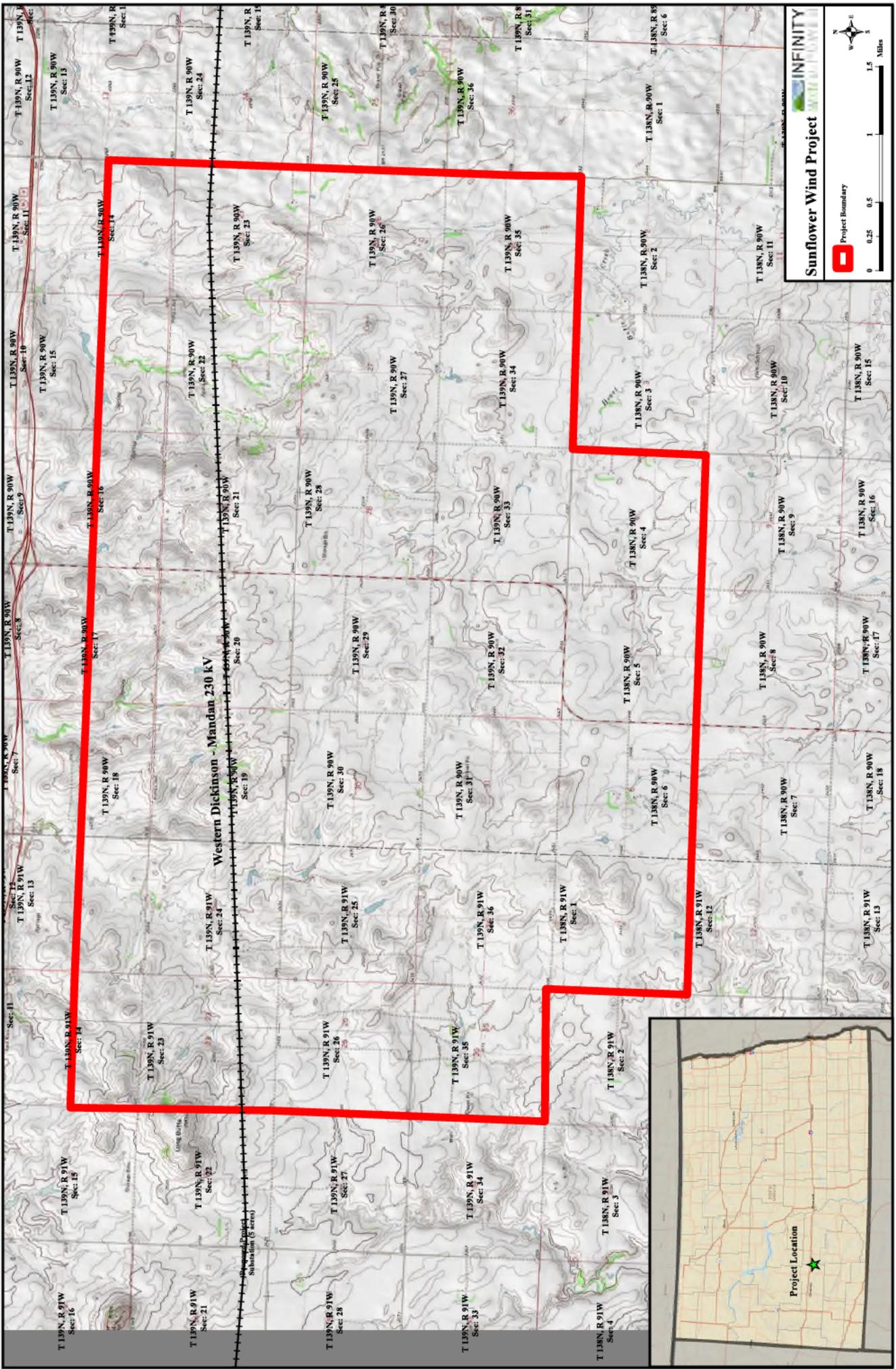
Comments will be accepted at the scoping meeting, by letter to me at the above address, by phone at (406) 255-2812, or by e-mailing me at [hanebury@wapa.gov](mailto:hanebury@wapa.gov). Please refer to the Sunflower Wind Project in your correspondence. Send all comments by close of business September 23, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lou Hanebury", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Lou Hanebury  
Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosure



**Sunflower Wind Project**  
INFINITY ENERGY

Project Boundary

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**Sunflower Wind  
Environmental Assessment  
Scoping Meeting  
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
August 22, 2013 – Dickinson, North Dakota**



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The Honorable Dave Archambault II  
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Dear Chairman Archambault:

Western Area Power Administration (Western), a power-marketing agency of the Department of Energy, has received an interconnection request from Sunflower Wind Project, LLC (SWP), a subsidiary of Infinity Wind Power, for a proposed 80-megawatt wind generating facility in Morton and Stark Counties, North Dakota. The facility is to be located three miles south of the town of Hebron and would connect to Western's existing Bismarck to Medora 230-kV Transmission Line.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the proposed project, provide notice that Western will prepare an Environmental Assessment, initiate government-to-government consultation, and invite your participation in the environmental review. The information presented here includes a brief project description and an enclosed map. Additional information will continue to be provided to you and designated tribal departments or staff as it becomes available.

The area under control by SWP is approximately 9,000 acres (ac) (3,642 hectares [ha]) of largely agricultural land, although sections of grassland/pasture lands are within the project area. The proposed project would include construction and operation of between 30 and 50 wind turbine generators for a total project output of up to 80 megawatts. The Area of Potential Effect (APE) would include any area of physical ground disturbance caused by, but not limited to, the construction of collector lines and access roads, an associated substation, a one mile long 230-kV overhead transmission line, an operations and maintenance building, temporary staging areas, and a permanent meteorological tower. The wind turbine hub height, the extent of turbine pad footprint, and the total height at the rotor apex has not yet been identified and would depend on the type and size of turbine purchased for the project; however, a typical rotor apex height would be between 350 ft. (107 m) and 450 ft. (137 m). A visual APE of no less than one mile around the project footprint is anticipated for this project.

It is our understanding that there may be important cultural resources and/or places with traditional cultural significance for your Tribe within the area that may be impacted by the project. Western would appreciate your assistance in identifying these properties.

For questions or information related to the project, please contact Lou Hanebury, Western's Upper Great Plains (UGP) Environmental Protection Specialist at 406-255-2812 or Dave Kluth, UGP Regional Preservation Officer at 605-353-2519. Lou's e-mail is [hanebury@wapa.gov](mailto:hanebury@wapa.gov) and Dave's e-mail is [kluth@wapa.gov](mailto:kluth@wapa.gov).

I look forward to working with you as this process moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicholas J. Stas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N".

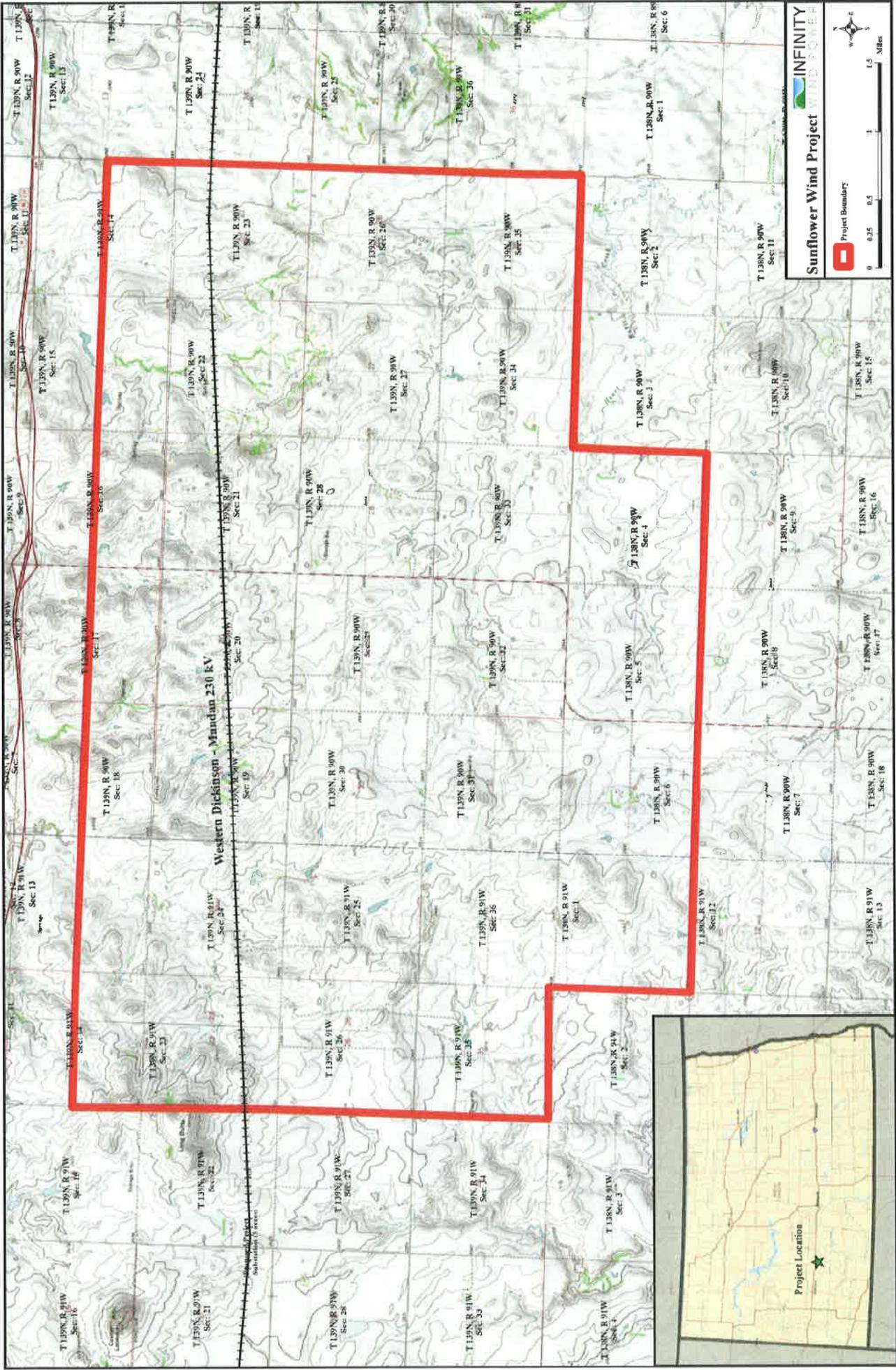
Nicholas J. Stas  
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Enclosure:

Map of Sunflower Wind Project, Morton and Stark Counties, ND

cc:

Ms. Waste'Win Young, THPO, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe



**Sunflower Wind Project**  
WIND POWER

Project Boundary

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