

## 9 Consultation and Coordination

### 9.1 AGENCIES AND PERSONS CONTACTED/ CONSULTED

Western and RUS, as co-lead Federal Agencies, have consulted with Federal, State, and local agencies and Native American groups regarding the potential alternatives for the Proposed Project. The following is a list of contacts that were made during preparation of this FEIS.

#### **Federal Agencies**

Bureau of Indian Affairs – Great Plains Office  
 Federal Emergency Management Agency  
 Federal Highway Administration  
 National Park Service – Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail  
 Natural Resources Conservation Service  
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – South Dakota Regulatory Office  
 U.S. Department of Agriculture – Farm Service Agency, Jerauld County  
 U.S. Department of Agriculture – Farm Service Agency, Lyman County  
 U.S. Department of Energy  
 U.S. Department of the Interior – Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance  
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 8  
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Head Quarters in Washington D.C.  
 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Ecological Services Field Office  
 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Lake Andes Wetland Management District  
 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Huron Wetland Management District  
 U.S. Forest Service – Black Hills National Forest  
 U.S. Forest Service – Nebraska & Samuel R. McKelvie National Forests  
 U.S. Forest Service – Fort Pierre National Grassland  
 U.S. Forest Service – Buffalo Gap National Grassland  
 U.S. Forest Service – Oglala National Grasslands  
 U.S. Geological Survey, Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center  
 U.S. Geological Survey, South Dakota State University

#### **State Agencies**

Nebraska Public Power District  
 South Dakota Aeronautics Commission  
 South Dakota Department of Agriculture  
 South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
 South Dakota Department of Health  
 South Dakota Department of Transportation  
 South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks  
 South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks – National Heritage Program  
 South Dakota Highway Patrol  
 South Dakota Indian Affairs Commission  
 South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office  
 South Dakota State Historical Society  
 South Dakota State Land Department  
 South Dakota Transmission Authority

### **Local Agencies**

Aurora County	City of Winner
Aurora County Board of Commissioners	Gregory County Board of Commissioners
Brule County	Jerauld County
Brule County Board of Commissioners	Jerauld County Board of Commissioners
City of Chamberlain	Town of Alpena
City of Colome	Town of Wessington Springs
City of Kimball	Tripp County
City of Plankinton	Tripp County Board of Commissioners
City of White Lake	

### **Organizations**

Basin Electric Power Cooperative  
 Ducks Unlimited  
 Intertribal COUP  
 Northwestern University  
 Sierra Club  
 Southern Illinois University  
 The Nature Conservancy  
 Wessington Springs Area Development Corporation

### **Elected Officials**

South Dakota Governor – Honorable Mike Rounds  
 South Dakota Senator – Honorable Tim Johnson  
 South Dakota Senator – Honorable John Thune  
 South Dakota U.S. House of Representatives – Representative Stephanie Herseth  
 South Dakota U.S. House of Representatives – Mark Gerhardt (for Rep. Stephanie Herseth)

### **Native American Tribes and Communities**

Northern Cheyenne  
 Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe  
 Crow Creek Sioux Tribe  
 Flandreau Santee Sioux Executive Committee  
 Fort Peck Sioux and Assiniboine Tribe  
 Lower Brule Sioux Tribe  
 Lower Sioux Indian Community  
 Oglala Sioux Tribe  
 Rosebud Sioux Tribe of Indians  
 Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska  
 Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

Spirit Lake Tribal Council  
 Standing Rock Sioux Tribe  
 Three Affiliated Tribes Business Council  
 Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa  
 Upper Sioux Indian Community  
 Wahpetkute Band of the Dakota  
 Yankton Sioux Tribe  
 South Dakota State Historical Society

## 9.2 INDIVIDUALS TO RECEIVE THE EIS

In addition to the Federal, State, and local agencies and Native American groups listed in **Section 9.1**, the FEIS has been distributed to the following individuals:

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Copies of the FEIS have also been provided to the following locations and are available for public review.

Cozard Memorial Library in Chamberlain – Brule County  
Kimball Public Library – Brule County  
Plankinton City Library – Aurora County  
Winner Public Library – Tripp County  
Wessington Springs Carnegie Library – Jerauld County

Western Area Power Administration  
Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region  
South Dakota Maintenance Office  
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Rural Utilities Service  
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Molly Cresto – Assistant Project Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M.S., Science Technology and Policy (expected 2010)</li> <li>• Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Technology Management</li> <li>• B.S., Plant Biology Environmental Science &amp; Ecology</li> <li>• 6 years experience</li> </ul>	Project management, technical editing, biological resources, land use, visual resources, transportation, socioeconomics and environmental justice, cumulative effects
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