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Re: Black Tern Informal Section 7 for easement acquisition in the Dakotas

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Hi Scott,

Thanks for the reply. We appreciate the clarification on designated CH for Dakota skippers and poweshiek skipperling within the project area. Yes, our determinations for skipper and skipperling designated CH are "no effect", ie the same as piping plover CH. We'll include this email correspondence in our administrative record for this restoration plan.

Enjoy the rest of your day,
Erin

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On Wed, Nov 7, 2018 at 9:40 AM Larson, Scott <scott_larson@fws.gov> wrote:

Hello Erin,

We received your October 30, 2018 Memorandum regarding informal consultation for easement acquisition in the Dakotas for black tern conservation on the breeding grounds. We appreciate you and Jeff thinking of the Dakotas for these conservation opportunities to offset impacts to trust resources from spills.

We have reviewed the memo and note that there has been critical habitat (CH) designated for Dakota skippers and poweshiek skipperling in the Dakotas (section G) and we recognize your determination for that CH would likely have been the same as your determination for piping plover CH. The language in section H is encompassing enough to cover Dakota skipper and poweshiek skipperling designated CH and we agree with that language in section H and accordingly do not believe there is a need to modify the memo.

We have no additional comments and thank you for your coordination on this effort.

Thank You
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