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Attachments: Powder River DEIS Comments Outline 10.13.10.docx

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Terry,

It is appropriate to send out a draft of suggested ER comments or a summary of what the project my do to impact FWS trust resources.

I'm not really following what this outline is doing though, so this specific outline may confuse rather than elicit substantive comments from other FWS offices. You should revise before sending. Here are a few suggestions, but if you have concerns be clear what they are - if you do not have concerns that is fine to, but most likely you'll have more familiarity with the project than the others you'll be sending this to so use this opportunity to educate them what you think should go into an ER response if anything. We may not have concerns or they could be quite general in avoiding the whooping crane corridor during migration, avoiding key sage grouse areas, etc.

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Is this appropriate to send out or should it be in another format?

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Comment [UF&WS1]: Overall, this is not ready to be called a ER response, so when you send this to your contacts let them know these are a few items that caught your eye.

Provide an introductory paragraph (couple sentences or so) that explains what the project is.

General Comments (Items that could be mentioned in response to ER)

- Expansion of MOAs in all states over GSG, Sprague's pipit habitat and migratory bird flyways (cranes, raptors, others)
    - Increased noise levels should be limited to outside of breeding seasons (i.e. No flights during this time) what are breeding seasons for each area
    - Preferably all, but specifically Low level flights should be eliminated during migration periods for MBs what are migration periods for each area
    - Effect of increased noise in relatively undisturbed areas
- Sprague's pipit now a candidate species addressed in DEIS as a special status species
- Expansion into Central and Mississippi Flyways principal route

Comment [UF&WS2]: What does this mean?

Specific Comments

Comment [UF&WS3]: These are specific to an item/subject located on page ___, paragraph ___ .

Project Elements

1. Expand and reconfigure Powder River A and B MOAs to create the PR-2 MOA
   Expansion into GSG (Sprague's Pipit?) habitat in SD
2. Establish the PR-1A and PR-1B and Gap A MOAs
   No effect to SD
3. Establish the PR-3 and Gap B MOAs
   Potential GSG, Sprague's pipit habitat in SD
4. Establish the PR-4 and Gap C MOAs
   Potential Sprague's pipit habitat in SD
   Moves into whooping crane migration route
5. Establish PRTC ATCAAs and Gap ATCAAs and expand Gateway ATCAA
   Chance of increased commercial traffic, more disturbances?
6. Chaff and flare defensive training
   Minimal effects
7. Supersonic training only during 10 days of LFEs per year
   Limit this activity to outside breeding, migrating periods
8. LFE with approximately 20 aircraft of various aircraft types
   Limit this activity to outside breeding, migrating periods

Comment [UF&WS4]: I don't know what these are? Could these still be general descriptions of the project? Or are these specific comments in response to an item located somewhere in the DEIS?