

On 12-4-2014, a letter was sent to tribes making notification and seeking consultation with the development of an Environmental Assessment for The Eastern South Dakota Fire Management Plan for the USFWS. No responses have been received. The letter, along with the tribes contacted, follows below.



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Mountain-Prairie Region

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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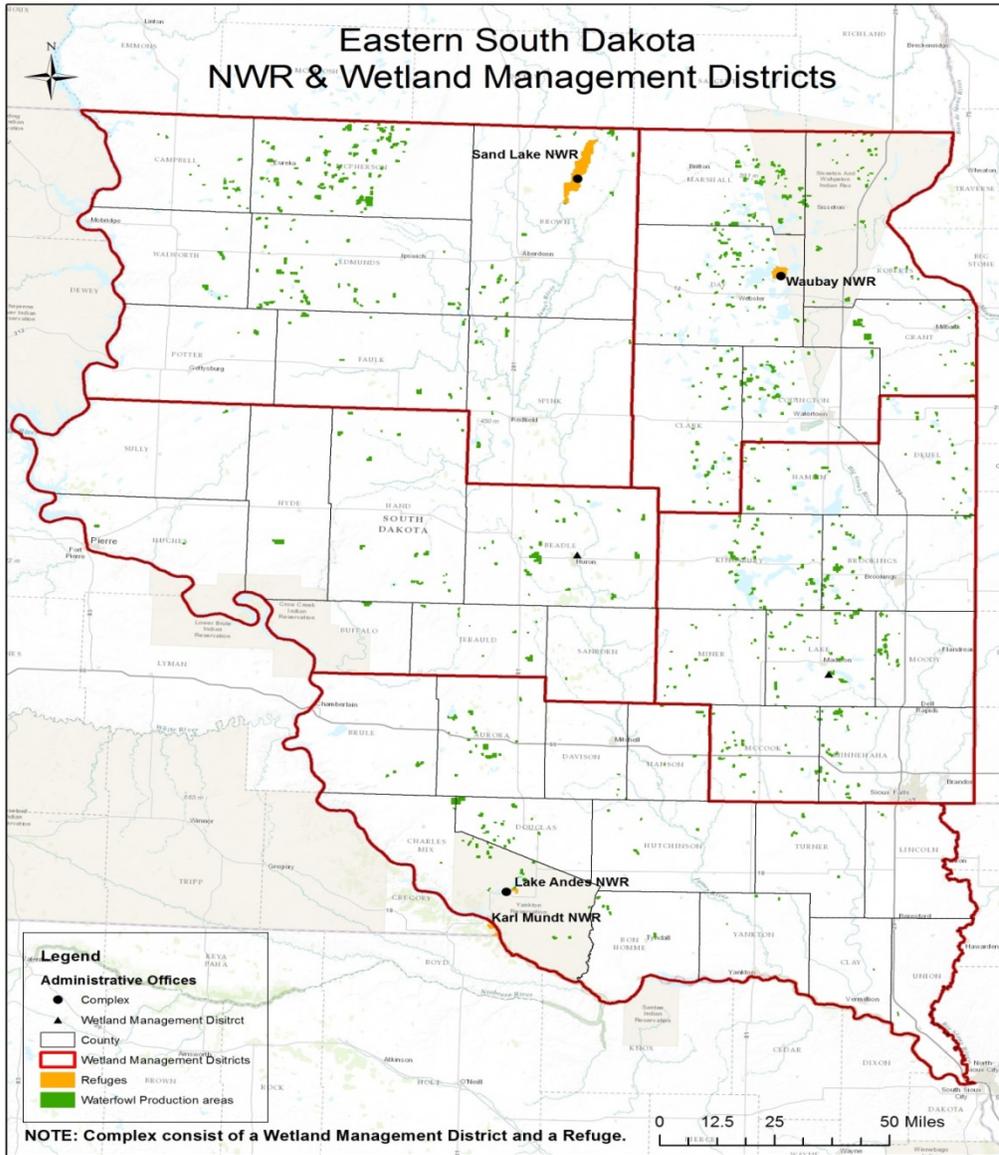
Chairman A.T. Stafne
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Date:

Dear Chairman Stafne:

The US Fish and Wildlife Service is conducting an Environmental Assessment evaluating the management of prairies using prescribed fire, mechanical, and chemical treatments. One of the primary process used for managing fuel loading and the overall health of fire adapted ecosystems or prairies is prescribed fire. Over the last 11 years 360 prescribed fires have been implemented for a total of 64,868 acres on USFWS lands in eastern South Dakota. Mechanical treatments are also used, but to a lesser extent. Within the last 11 years, 47 treatments have been completed for 2,478 acres. No chemical treatments have occurred in the last 11 years. In addition, grazing is used as a management action and tool, but is outside the scope of this Environmental Assessment.

The lands being evaluated in this Environmental Assessment are all US Fish and Wildlife Service fee title lands located east of the Missouri River in South Dakota. Below is a map representing the geographic area included. If a more detailed view is desired, the following link can be used to look at specific lands with an aerial overlay. http://gis.fws.gov/wpa_mapper/



You are being contacted to see if you would like to be consulted in the development of the EA. Your response to this letter acknowledging your interest in participating in this undertaking as a consulting party, identifying any historic properties, including Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) that may exist within the project’s APE, and providing contact information for additional potential consultants is greatly appreciated. Enclosed is a list of potential consulting parties who received this letter. Any suggestions for additions or corrections to this list are welcome.

Please provide a response by December 11, 2015, so that we may discuss this undertaking. If you do not respond within this time frame, you may request consulting party status in the future; however, the project may advance without your input. Should you have any questions about this project, you may contact Great Plains Zone Fire Management Officer Colby Crawford at (605)-885-6273 or Colby_Crawford@fws.gov.

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