

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge Complex

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION STATEMENT

Within the spirit and intent of the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other statutes, orders, and policies that protect fish and wildlife resources, I have established the following administrative record and determined that the issuance of a Special Use Permit to temporarily disturb U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wetland and Grassland easements along the route of the Dakota Access Pipeline:

_____ is a categorical exclusion as provided by 51 6 DM 2, Appendix I and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1. No further NEPA documentation will therefore be made.

X is found not to have significant environmental effects as determined by the attached environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

_____ is found to have significant effects and, therefore, further consideration of this action will require a notice of intent to be published in the *Federal Register* announcing the decision to prepare an EIS.

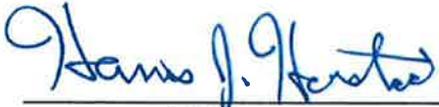
_____ is not approved because of unacceptable environmental damage, or violation of Fish and Wildlife Service mandates, policy, regulations, or procedures.

_____ is an emergency action within the context of 40 CFR 1506.11. Only those actions necessary to control the immediate impacts of the emergency will be taken. Other related actions remain subject to NEPA review.

Other supporting documents:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 2016. Final Environmental Assessment Dakota Access Pipeline, Grassland and Wetland Easement Crossings.

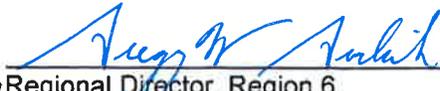
Signature Approval:



Harris J. Hoistad, Project Leader
Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge Complex

5-31-16

Date



Regional Director, Region 6
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

6/22/16

Date

Acting