

Refer to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's County Occurrence of Endangered, Threatened, Proposed, and Candidate Species and Designated Critical Habitat in North Dakota Table on the NDDOT References and Forms Page to determine which species may be found in the county or counties the project is located in. The USFWS IPAC Website may also be used - <https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/>

NDDOT Threatened, Endangered, Proposed, Candidate Species and Critical Habitat Affect Determination Table										
Project:		PCN:	Location:			County:				
Species	Listing	Guidance				NDDOT Biologist Review Required?		Determination		Additional Documentation Included
						Yes	No	Not Present	No Effect	
Determine if the scope of work for the proposed project will require NDDOT Biologist review based on the criteria described for the species/critical habitat below. If review is required for one or more species, a biological assessment, Section 7 Determination Package, or NLEB documentation may be needed. Contact NDDOT Biologist for any questions.						Note - If a species is not present for a county, only "not present" should be checked.				
Whooping Crane	E	NDDOT Biologist Review required for the adjustment (raising, relocating) of existing above-ground utility lines; or for newly placed poles/towers that require overhead lines/guy wires; unless the adjustments or new installations are in a highly developed or urban area. Review also required for projects requiring major earthwork (i.e. new road construction or roadway widening projects over 1 mile in length) in rural areas within ½ mile of cropland/wetland associations located within the whooping crane migration corridor. Projects outside of the migration corridor do not require NDDOT Biologist review. See link below for a map of the whooping crane migration corridor. Click layers tab, then select whooping crane migration corridor layer. https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap								
Gray Wolf	E	NDDOT Biologist Review required for roadway projects of 2 or more lanes on a new location (i.e., construction of a new roadway).								
Pallid Sturgeon	E	NDDOT Biologist Review required for work in or along the shoreline of the Missouri River (including reservoirs) and Yellowstone River Systems. Review also required for in-water work for any direct tributary (within 0.5 mile) to the Missouri River (including reservoirs) and Yellowstone River Systems.								
Poweshiek Skipperling	E	NDDOT Biologist Review required for work occurring outside of the right of way in Richland and Sargent Counties within undisturbed native tall grass prairie and wet swales. If ground disturbing activities occur outside the ROW in these counties, ETS or a consultant will need to conduct a habitat assessment for this species.								
Piping Plover	T	NDDOT Biologist Review required for construction activities occurring outside the paved or graveled surface of the roadway and within ½ mile of designated piping plover critical habitat or known nesting sites from April 15 through August 31. See link for piping plover designated critical habitat: https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap								
Western Prairie Fringed Orchid	T	NDDOT Biologist Review required for all ground disturbing activities on non-flooded, undisturbed ground, known habitat, and native prairie. The species may also be found in roadside ditches with a high probability of the species occurring in or near the Sheyenne National Grasslands. If ground-disturbing activities will be required in Ransom or Richland counties, a survey by ETS or consultant for this species must be completed prior to ground-disturbance.								

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Rufa Red Knot	T	NDDOT Biologist Review required for construction activities occurring outside the paved or graveled surface of the roadway and within ½ mile of designated piping plover critical habitat or known nesting sites (species is rare in North Dakota and uses similar habitats as piping plovers during their migration). See link for piping plover designated critical habitat: https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap					
Dakota Skipper	T	NDDOT Biologist Review required for ground disturbing activities outside of the right of way in native prairie containing a high diversity of wildflowers and grasses indicative of Dakota skipper “Type A” or “Type B” habitat. Dakota skippers are not likely to be present in cropped areas, previously cropped areas, non-native hay-lands, pasture, or other grassland that is dominated by non-native species, or in areas where trees or shrubs predominate. The species may occur in some grazed lands that are dominated by native prairie vegetation. If native prairie would be impacted by the project, ETS or a consultant will need to conduct a habitat assessment for this species following the USFWS 2018 Dakota Skipper ND Survey Protocol					
Northern Long-Eared Bat	E	NDDOT Biologist Review required for work on structures* (bridges, box culverts, SPP’s and corrugated metal culverts over 4.5’ in diameter), the removal of trees or buildings, or ground disturbance in areas with caves, mines, and rock crevices. *Work on structures requires bridge/structure bat assessments, unless exempted by NDDOT Biologist					
Designated Critical Habitat							
Piping Plover Critical Habitat	D	NDDOT Biologist Review required for ground disturbing activities occurring outside the paved or graveled surface of the roadway and within ½ mile of designated piping plover critical habitat or known nesting sites. See link for piping plover designated critical habitat: https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap					
Poweshiek Skipperling Critical Habitat	D	NDDOT Biologist Review required for ground disturbing activities within 0.6 mile of Poweshiek Skipperling critical habitat. See link for Poweshiek Skipperling proposed critical habitat: https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap					
Dakota Skipper Critical Habitat	D	NDDOT Biologist Review required for ground disturbing activities within 0.6 mile of Dakota Skipper critical habitat. See link for Dakota Skipper proposed critical habitat maps: https://gis.dot.nd.gov/external/ge_html/?viewer=ext_wildlifemap					

Listing Key: E – Endangered T – Threatened C – Candidate D – Designated

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