

Stribley, Sara

Subject: Keystone ENSR - NE GPC Joint Meeting with FWS
Location: Grand Island, NE

Start: Mon 2/5/2007 9:30 AM
End: Mon 2/5/2007 11:30 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Required Attendees: Carey.Grell@ngpc.ne.gov

Hi Carey,
ENSR would like to meet with you in early February to review the biological surveys that are planned for the Keystone Pipeline Project in 2007 and 2008 in Nebraska. Would the following meeting date, time, and location work for you?

Date: Monday, February 5, 2007
Time: 8:00 - 10:00 am
Location: Grand Island, NE - FWS Office

ENSR is planning on sending you a package by next week containing all of the information regarding the upcoming biological surveys in Nebraska for the Project. We are hoping to use the information contained in this package as the template for discussions at the February meeting. Please feel free to invite other Game and Parks Commission representatives if needed. This will be a joint meeting with the FWS at their office in Grand Island. Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you will or will not be able to attend this meeting.

Thanks and Happy New Year,
Sara

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From: Carey Grell [Carey.Grell@ngpc.ne.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2006 10:46 AM
To: Johnson, Charlie
Cc: Stribley, Sara; rick.schneider@ngpc.ne.gov
Subject: Request for comments on Cushing Extension, Keystone Pipeline, TransCanada

Charles,

We are writing in response to your letter dated October 16, 2006 requesting comments on the Cushing Extension for the proposed TransCanada Keystone pipeline in Nebraska. Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) staff members have reviewed the request and we offer the following.

During my initial submission of comments for this project (see letter that I sent on March 20, 2006 addressed to Karen Caddis, ENSR), I went ahead and included the potential Cushing Extension route in my review, even though at that time it was just a possibility. My earlier comments addressed concerns for impacts to stream and wetland resources, impacts to NGPC properties, and impacts to general fish and wildlife resources, including big game species, along the entire pipeline route in Nebraska including the Cushing Extension. At this time, I have no further comments specific to the Cushing Extension for the above mentioned impacts.

Rick Schneider (NGPC) was responsible for providing information specifically on state-listed threatened and endangered species and sensitive species and communities (which he did in a letter he sent on June 16, 2006 addressed to Karen Caddis, ENSR). I have checked with Rick, and he also went ahead and included the Cushing Extension in his earlier review. He has no additional comments specific to the Cushing Extension regarding threatened, endangered, or sensitive species and communities at this time.

Thanks, and please let me know if you have any questions regarding the information above.

Sincerely,
Carey

Carey Grell
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Letter of Transmittal

Attention: Krystal Stone Date: November 28, 2006

Project reference: Keystone Pipeline Project Project number: 10623-004

We are sending you the following:

Number of originals:	Number of copies:	Description:
<u>1</u>	<u></u>	<u>Keystone Overview Maps through Nebraska</u>

Krystal,

Doug Backlund requested that I send you a set of the attached maps. I have asked Doug to evaluate the Keystone Pipeline Project for potential habitat crossed for the western prairie fringed orchid and small white lady's slipper in Nebraska. Any input you can additionally provide on suitable habitat that is crossed by the Project or specific areas that you would recommend surveys be conducted in, would be greatly appreciated. Thanks and if you have any questions or need additional information feel free to contact me (970.493.8878).

Thanks again,

Sara Stribley

Signature

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Letter of Transmittal

Attention: Gery SteinauerDate: November 28, 2006Project reference: Keystone Pipeline ProjectProject number: 10623-004

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Keystone Overview Maps through Nebraska

Gery,

Attached are 1:100k topo maps of the Keystone Pipeline Project through Nebraska. I apologize, but I could not find a single overview map of the project through Nebraska, so I hope the attached will suffice. These maps are intended for your evaluation of suitable habitat for the western prairie fringed orchid and small white lady's slipper in relation to the Project route in Nebraska. Any input you can provide on suitable habitat that is crossed by the Project or specific areas that you would recommend surveys be conducted in, would be greatly appreciated. I have also sent a copy of these same maps to Krystal Stoner in your Lincoln office. Thanks again Gery for your input! If you need anything else, please let me know.

Thanks,

Sara Stribley

Signature

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TransCanada – Keystone Pipeline Contact Summary Form

Location of Meeting ENSR

Date/Time of Meeting November 27, 2006

Keystone Team
Member(s) Sara Stribley

Contact Information:

Name	Gery Steinauer
Title	Botanist
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County	
Phone	402-694-2498
E-mail address	gery.steinauer@ngpc.ne.gov

Meeting Information:

Type of Contact (phone, in-person, etc.): _____ Phone _____

Issue: Survey areas for the Western Prairie Fringed Orchid and Small White Lady's Slipper

Concern Level: High___Moderate___~~Low~~___

Description:

I spoke with Gery about getting his input on habitat along the Keystone centerline for the western prairie fringed orchid and small white lady's slipper. Gery stated that most of the known orchid populations were east of the pipeline but would take a look at the pipeline route if I sent him overview maps of the project. He also requested that I send a copy of the maps to Crystal Stoner at the Lincoln office.

Issue: _____

Concern Level: High___Moderate___Low___

Description:

Stribley, Sara

From: Carey Grell [Carey.Grell@ngpc.ne.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2006 9:25 AM
To: Stribley, Sara
Subject: Re: Keystone Pipeline Project - Cushing Extension T&E Consultation Letter Follow-up

Sara,

Yes, I did receive the letter from Charles Johnson, and I apologize for not responding sooner. During my initial submission of comments for this project (see letter that I sent on March 20, 2006 addressed to Karen Caddis, ENSR), I went ahead and included the potential Cushing Extension route in my review, even though at that time it was just a possibility. My earlier comments addressed concerns for impacts to stream and wetland resources, impacts to Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) properties, and impacts to general fish and wildlife resources, including big game species, along the entire pipeline route in Nebraska including the Cushing Extension. At this time, I have no further comments specific to the Cushing Extension for the above mentioned impacts.

Rick Schneider, with my agency, was responsible for providing information specifically on state-listed threatened and endangered species and sensitive species and communities (which he did in a letter he sent on June 16, 2006 addressed to Karen Caddis, ENSR). I do still need to check with Rick to see if he went ahead and included the Cushing Extension in his earlier review, and/or see if he has any additional comments specific to the Cushing Extension regarding threatened, endangered, or sensitive species and communities.

Once I have talked with Rick, I will plan on sending a final response from NGPC to both you and Charles Johnson.

Thanks, and please let me know if you have any questions regarding the information above.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Carey

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----- Original Message -----

From: Stribley, Sara
To: Carey.Grell@ngpc.ne.gov
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2006 5:07 PM
Subject: Keystone Pipeline Project - Cushing Extension T&E Consultation Letter Follow-up

Hi Carey,
Charles Johnson sent a T&E consultation letter out on October 16, 2006, regarding impacts to sensitive species along the Keystone Pipeline Cushing Extension. I just wanted to follow up to make sure that you have received the letter, and also to check when we might see something back from the NGPC? If you have any questions, or did not receive ENSR's letter, please give me a call! Thanks and hope you have a great Thanksgiving!
Sincerely,
Sara

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Castle, Carla

From: Johnson, Charlie
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2006 3:19 PM
To: Carey.Grell@ngpc.ne.gov
Cc: Castle, Carla; Dufresne, Doree
Subject: FW: Emailing: September 2006 Cushing Shapefiles.zip



September 2006
Cushing Shapefi...

Hello Carey:

As a follow up to the October 2006 letter regarding the Keystone Pipeline Project (Cushing Extension), attached please find the shape files for the Cushing Extension portion of the project. Please call with any questions.



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October 16, 2006

Carey Grell
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Dear Ms. Grell:

ENSR Corporation (ENSR) had previously contacted you via letter requesting information regarding TransCanada's Keystone Pipeline project. Based on interest expressed by crude oil shippers, TransCanada is now planning to expand the Keystone Pipeline project with the construction of an additional 292-mile pipeline extension (Cushing Extension) south from Jefferson County, Nebraska, to Cushing, Oklahoma. The primary delivery points for this expansion would be in the Ponca City and the Cushing areas. Like the original line discussed in our January 24, 2006 letter, TransCanada proposes to begin construction of the new pipeline in the winter or early spring of 2008, with the system in-service by the end of 2009. Construction of the Cushing Extension is proposed to begin in 2009, with the system in-service by the end of 2010.

Enclosed is a overview map of the entire proposed route including the new Cushing Extension. The Cushing Extension portion of the Project will cross portions of Jefferson County (see attached Overview Map, aerial and topographic maps). Shape files of the Cushing Extension will be sent to your e-mail address.

On behalf of TransCanada, ENSR would like to again provide an opportunity for Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) biologists and botanists to identify prominent terrestrial and aquatic resource issues or concerns that may occur within or adjacent to the project area, focusing on species that are either sensitive (e.g., state-listed), have high economic value (e.g., big game, waterfowl), or are considered important by the state (e.g., raptors, bats). Please forward this request to the applicable specialists (e.g., fisheries and/or wildlife biologists, habitat biologists, botanists, etc.) so they may provide information and input. Resource information provided by the NGPC will be reflected in the environmental baseline description pertaining to the project. If applicable, please send electronic files for our environmental analysis to: cjohnson@ensr.aecom.com.

Where it appears that possible or probable concerns relative to sensitive species or habitats may occur, please indicate whether surveys might be required, as well as the preferred methodology and level of effort you would consider acceptable for the surveys.

ENSR also is contacting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to request sensitive species information and to obtain input regarding the proposed Cushing Extension route in Nebraska. If you have any questions regarding this request, please call me at (970) 493-8878. You also may direct project-related questions to the ENSR project manager, Scott Ellis, at the same number. Thank you in advance for your prompt response to this request.

Sincerely,

Charles Johnson
Senior Wildlife Biologist/Coordinator

CJ/

Ref: 10623-004

Enc. Overview Project Map
Aerial and Topographic Maps

