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RE: Xcel Energy Buffalo Ridge Incremental Generation Outlet Electric Transmission Line

Dan:

As you requested, I have searched the South Dakota Natural Heritage Database for records of rare, threatened or endangered species in the area described in your letter of June 12. There are no records of rare, threatened or endangered species within the specified project area. However, there are records the federally endangered Topeka shiner within watersheds that fall within the project area. I have attached a list of those records.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Doug Backlund
Wildlife Biologist

