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May 20, 2016

Amanda Miller
Apex Clean Energy, Inc.,
244 East High Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902

RE: Dakota Range Raptor Nest Survey

Dear Ms. Miller,

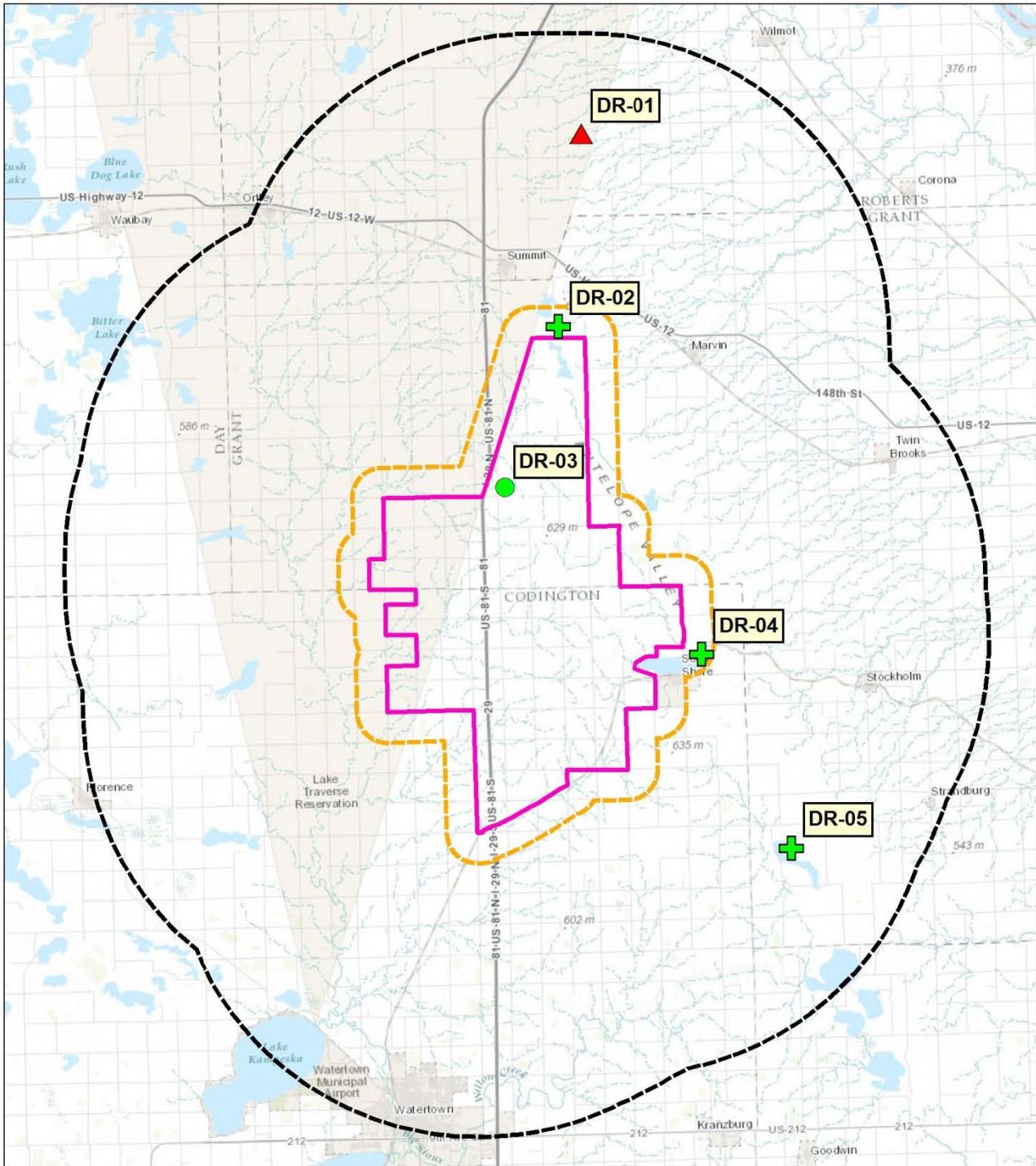
Western EcoSystems Technology, Inc. (WEST) completed the aerial nest survey for Dakota Range Wind Project (Project) on April 2, 2016.

Methods: Surveys were conducted by one qualified biologist flying low level surveys with a helicopter, in accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department recommendations. All potential nesting structures within the Project area and 1-mile buffer were surveyed for nesting raptor nests (e.g., eagles, buteos, owls). Only eagle nests or potential eagle nests based on size were recorded within a 1-10 mile buffer from the Project.

Results: A total of three occupied raptor nests were recorded within the Project and 1-mile buffer: one red-tailed hawk and two bald eagle nests. One occupied bald eagle nest and one unoccupied potential bald eagle nest were also identified within the 10-mile buffer (see attached map).

Sincerely,

Clayton Derby
Senior Manager



**Dakota Range
Wind Resource Area**

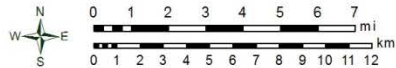
Map Features

- potential project boundary
- 1-mile buffer
- 10-mile buffer

raptor nest spring 2016

species/status

- BAEA--Occupied
- Potential Eagle--Unoccupied
- RTHA--Occupied



Data Source: World Topo Map
Coordinate System: UTM, NAD83, zn 14N
Map produced on 05/18/2016
by A. L. Dahl

