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Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 8:27 AM
To: Melissa Schmit; Molitor Brittney
Subject: RE: [External] FW: (Due 7/12) Utility Scale Solar Energy System - New Underwood
Attachments: Commercial Prairie Dog Applicators page.pdf

Melissa,

There shouldn't be any burrowing owl, swift fox, or black-footed ferret restrictions on the property. I would recommend contacting one of the commercial applicators on the list attached and have the prairie dog towns poisoned this fall/winter.

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Hi Scott,

The Wild Springs landowners have historically and are continuing to manage the prairie dog population on their land up until we start construction. We have coordinated with the SDGFP and USFWS on prairie dog colonies and due to their concern about the burrows providing habitat for burrowing owl and swift fox, we are planning to avoid the 2019 mapped extent of the colonies in the area and will be collapsing burrows outside of nesting/denning season that are within the project footprint prior to construction. We are evaluating population control measures during operations so if you have any recommendations, it would be appreciated.

Thanks,



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Thank you Melissa, it looks like a very through plan. I did not see prairie dogs referenced in the plan, what is the plan for them?

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Brittney and Scott,
Thank you for the notes and Noxious Weed Management Plan - I have attached an executed copy. For your reference, I have also attached the Wild Springs Vegetation Management Plan. The plan has been updated to reference the Noxious Weed Management Plan and it has also been added as an appendix.

Scott – if you have any questions about the project please let me know.

Thank you,



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Melissa-

See comments below.

Thank you,

Brittney Molitor, MAS, CFM

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The property has Canada thistle and prairie dogs present on the property. See attached noxious weed plan to address the Canada thistle. Prairie dogs are a species of management concern in SD and recommend controlling the prairie dog towns prior to disturbance to minimize prairie dog movement onto neighboring landowners.

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The Hearing Date for this request is **JULY 27, 2020.**

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Please find the attached request. Due to the size of the application, it is available [here](#) for your review.

Comments are due back by July 12, 2020.

Thank you,

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