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60 percent of this product is on native grassland that is home of too many to count tipi rings, markers and burial grounds of native Americans... I know of many many tipi rings. In fact the MET tower in Pratt township sec 14 Se 1/4 is in amongst tipi rings as it is my dads land and I have seen them and know they are there, the whole ridge from Ree Heights west south west through my place to the Missouri River and the whole north bend project foot print is in this Land mass is covered in tipi rings and such. This huge Native American village was at one time on a state archaeological map and I know of at least two probable burial sites on this ridge!

also there are confirmed and documented whooping crane sightings in this foot print. In fact one spot is in the Sw 1/4 of Webster township Sw 1/4 of sec 9 in Hughes county or 11174w sec 9 Sw 1/4. I have spoken to a US Fish and Wildlife agent about this It was conveyed to me that people of this project know about this and ignore the fact.

We need to preserve the native grassland and afford as much protection to endangered animal that habitat these area!!! Not ruin it with wind turbines. My place is next to the first one in Hyde co that gong on eighteen years of being next to a wind farm it is in no way shape or form green energy, it is harmful to the wildlife and humans in the area I see it first hand!

Obviously the lands were not given due diligence of checking out the points I have mentioned!

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