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Comments: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) recommends that you use a tool the Service has designed to help with the consultation process - Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC)

[<https://ipac.ecosphere.fws.gov/>]

Once you have entered your project into IPaC, you will receive a species list.

If you are new to using IPaC, we have a beta version available that is intended for testing out the tool along with links to helpful video demonstrations [<https://ipacb.ecosphere.fws.gov/>]

The IPaC database provides you with timely guidance to help you determine where your action area is, whether endangered species may be found within the action area, and if your project and associated actions may affect listed species. Additionally, the North Dakota Ecological Services Webpage [<https://www.fws.gov/office/north-dakota-ecological-services/library>] contains step-by-step guidance for navigating IPaC and determination keys that you might use.

Feel free to reach out to me with any additional questions.