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Comments: After review of the materials provided in the email, the USFWS would offer the following comments:

1. Project area and 500 m buffer should be entered into the USFWS IPAC system for further analysis.
2. Special attention should be implemented in reference to the Dakota skipper. Botanical surveys should be completed to determine if suitable habitat exists for Dakota skipper per the 2022 Dakota skipper protocol. If habitat is present, then USFWS would recommend occupancy surveys following the 2022 survey protocol by a USFWS permitted surveyor. Botanical surveys will also aid in habitat restoration decisions.
3. Golden eagle nests have been identified within 2mi. of the proposed location.