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Comments: After review of the scoping materials provided the USFWS would recommend the following:

1. Project Action Area should be entered into the USFWS IPAC program for further analysis.
2. The pipeline alignment habitat should be checked for Dakota skipper habitat suitability. Suitable habitat should be surveyed for Dakota skipper occupancy by a USFWS permitted surveyor.

The project area is within 1.19 miles of designated critical habitat for DASK. Previous surveys conducted in the area have noted DASK occupancy.

3. A 250 m buffer should be maintained from DASK suitable habitat.
4. Testing (borings) of materials along the HDD bore route should be conducted prior to the start of the HDD application.
5. Construction should be conducted outside the DASK flight season.
6. Dust controls should be maintained during the construction phase.
7. Reclamation of the disturbed areas should immediately follow the construction and a pollinator enhanced seed mix should be used in the process.