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Comments: After reviewing the materials provided for the Oneok Rockies Midstream natural gas pipeline in Dunn and McKenzie Counties the USFWS would recommend the following:

1. Proposed project area should be entered into the USFWS-IPAC system for evaluation and possible additional consultation.
2. Test borings should be completed along the entire route to check geology and prevent frac-outs.
3. Spill response equipment should be maintained on-site during the HDD actions.
4. Habitat evaluations should be conducted at the starting and ending points of the project (500m around) to check for suitable Dakota skipper habitat. If suitable habitat is noted, then occupancy surveys by a permitted surveyor would be recommended before continuing with the bore.
5. Traffic should be minimized between the start and ending points of the boring route.
6. Any disturbed areas should be reclaimed and re-seeded immediately after the project completion with a mixture including forbs from the 2024 Dakota skipper protocol.