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

1. Project areas should be entered into USFWS IPAC system for analysis. Impact determinations can be developed based on the generated species list and the planned project activities. Additional consultation may be needed.
2. Bat surveys should be conducted in areas where trees may be impacted. Results should be shared with USFWS for additional consultation. No tree cutting April 15 - October 31.
3. Areas should be surveyed for suitable Dakota skipper habitat. If present occupancy surveys may be warranted prior to planned activities. Information should be shared with ND ES Field Office of USFWS. Flight season is June 10- July 25.
4. Active eagle nests should be evaluated and logged. Period of concern February 1-July 15.

Additional questions or concerns please contact the ND ES Field Office.