



**Department of Energy**  
Western Area Power Administration  
Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region  
P.O. Box 35800  
Billings, MT 59107-5800

Oct. 13, 2023

**Re: Environmental Scoping for Interconnection Request for the Moose Creek Wind Project in Barnes Co., ND**

Dear Tribal Leader:

This letter is a follow up to our letter to you on Sept. 1, 2023, regarding the proposed “Moose Creek Wind” project in Barnes Co., ND. As explained in that letter, the NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, proposes to interconnect with WAPA’s Valley City substation on its Jamestown-Valley City 115KV electrical transmission line. The proposed project area is approximately two miles east of Valley City, Barnes Co., ND (see enclosed preliminary maps). The proposed Project area encompasses approximately 13,800 acres, though only a small fraction of that area would be subject to ground disturbing construction activities. The Project includes approximately 30 to 45 wind turbines. All infrastructure would be located on private lands, private lands under easement with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), or lands owned by the USFWS.

At this time, seven of the eleven tribes we invited to consult have requested government to government consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) - the Flandreau Santee Sioux, Mandan Hidatsa Nation, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, Upper Sioux Community, and the Yankton Sioux Tribe.

In addition to consultation opportunities under the NHPA, WAPA would also like to invite your Tribe to participate in environmental scoping under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The NEPA scoping period provides an opportunity to identify issues and alternatives that will help WAPA define the scope of the Environmental Assessment for the project. **Further information is available at WAPA’s project webpage:**

<https://www.wapa.gov/regions/UGP/Environment/Pages/Moose-Creek-Wind-Project.aspx>

**If you wish to submit comments about the proposal during the NEPA scoping period, please submit them to WAPA no later than Nov. 17, 2023, by mail, phone, or email at:**

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[nepa@wapa.gov](mailto:nepa@wapa.gov) (with “Moose Creek Wind” in subject line)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SP', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Staffan Peterson  
WAPA Archaeologist and Tribal Liaison

Enclosures: PRELIMINARY MAPS





