



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

February 16, 2024

**Re: Interconnection Request for the Wibaux Wind Project in Wibaux County, MT**

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), Upper Great Plains Region (UGP), a power marketing agency with the U.S. Department of Energy, has received a request for the interconnection of Wibaux Wind LLC's proposed "Wibaux Wind Project" (Project) to WAPA's Mingsville 230-kV substation. The proposed Project area is approximately one mile west of the town of Wibaux, SD (see enclosed preliminary maps), and encompasses approximately 30,037 acres (see attached legal descriptions), though only a small fraction of that area would be subject to ground disturbing construction activities. The Project would consist of between 40-70 wind turbine generators and up to 50-MWs of battery storage. Support facilities include underground electric power collection/communication cables, a substation, meteorological towers, access roads, an operations and maintenance facility, and a transmission line. All infrastructure will be located on private land.

WAPA defines the federal undertaking as the interconnection of the Project with WAPA's existing substation. WAPA defines the Area of Potential Effect (APE) as the areas that could experience ground disturbance and/or visual and auditory effects resulting from the construction and operation of the Project.

With this letter, WAPA is inviting Tribes that may attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties within or adjacent to the proposed Project area to participate in the consultation process under Section 106 of the NHPA and its implementing regulation (36 CFR Part 800).

As part of WAPA's historic property identification efforts, we are also seeking general information from you regarding the presence of properties of traditional religious and cultural importance (PTRCI) within the Project footprint. In addition, WAPA is also requesting general information on possible visual or audible impacts from this Project to known PTRCI adjacent to the project area.

If you wish to participate in the consultation process and/or have information regarding cultural resources that may be affected by the proposed Project, please contact me at [kluth@wapa.gov](mailto:kluth@wapa.gov) or 605-354-4884. We request your response no later than March 18, 2024.

Sincerely,

David W. Kluth  
WAPA-UGP Regional Preservation Official

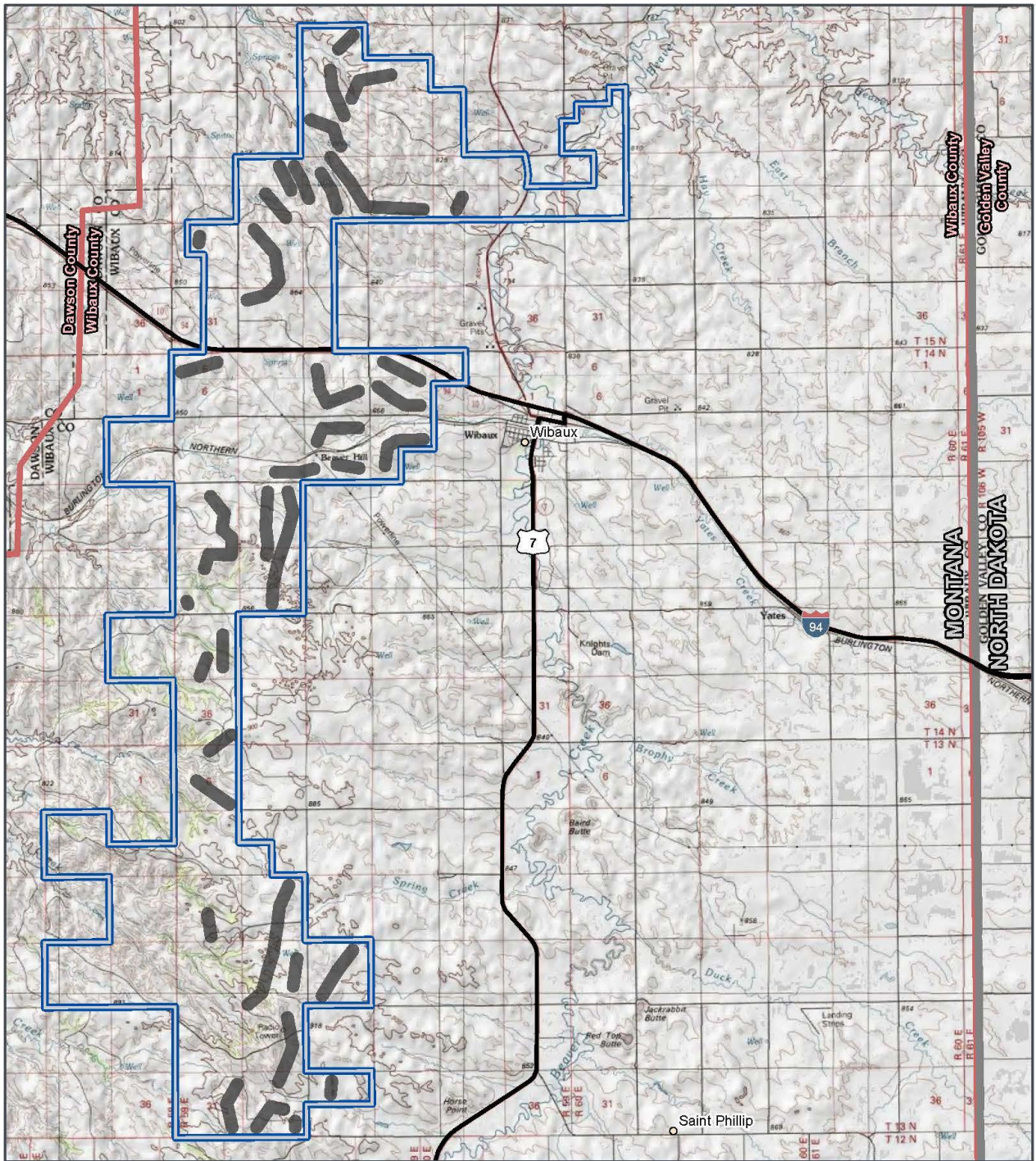
Enclosures: PRELIMINARY MAPS  
Project Legal Description

Cc (hard copy only):

Chairman Durell Cooper III, Apache Tribe of Oklahoma  
Governor Reggie Wassana, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma  
Chairperson Ryman LeBeau, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe  
Chairperson Peter Lengkeek, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe  
Chairman Frank Whiteclay, Crow Tribe of Montana  
President Jeffrey Stiffarm, Fort Belknap Indian Community  
Chairman Floyd Azure, Fort Peck Assiniboiné, and Sioux Tribes  
Chairman Clyde Estes, Lower Brulé Sioux Tribe  
Chairman Mark N. Fox, Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation  
President Serena Wetherelt, Northern Cheyenne Tribe  
President Frank Star Comes Out, Oglala Sioux Tribe  
President Scott Herman, Rosebud Sioux Tribe  
Chairman Alonzo Denney, Santee Sioux Nation  
Tribal Chairman J. Garret Renville, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate  
Chairwoman Janet Alkire, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe  
Chairman Robert Flying Hawk, Yankton Sioux Tribe

Cc (electronic only):

Mr. Max Bear, THPO, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma  
Mr. Steven Vance, THPO, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe  
Mr. Merle Marks, THPO, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe  
Mr. Aaron Brien, THPO, Crow Tribe of Montana  
Mr. Michael Black Wolf, THPO, Fort Belknap Indian Community  
Ms. Dyan Youpee, THPO, Fort Peck Assiniboiné and Sioux Tribes  
Mr. Christian Skunk, Director of Cultural Resources, Lower Brulé Sioux Tribe  
Mr. Allen Demaray, THPO, Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation  
Ms. Teanna Limpy, THPO, Northern Cheyenne Tribe  
Mr. Justin Pourier, Acting THPO, Oglala Sioux Tribe  
Ms. Ione Quigley, THPO, Rosebud Sioux Tribe  
Ms. Larry Thomas, Acting THPO, Santee Sioux Nation  
Ms. Dianne Desrosiers, THPO, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate  
Mr. Jon Eagle, SR., THPO, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe  
Mr. Colten Archambeau, THPO, Yankton Sioux Tribe



WIBAUX WIND WAPA  
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**1,000 ft. Turbine  
Corridor Topo Map**

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Wibaux County, MT  
NAD 1983 UTM Zone 13N  
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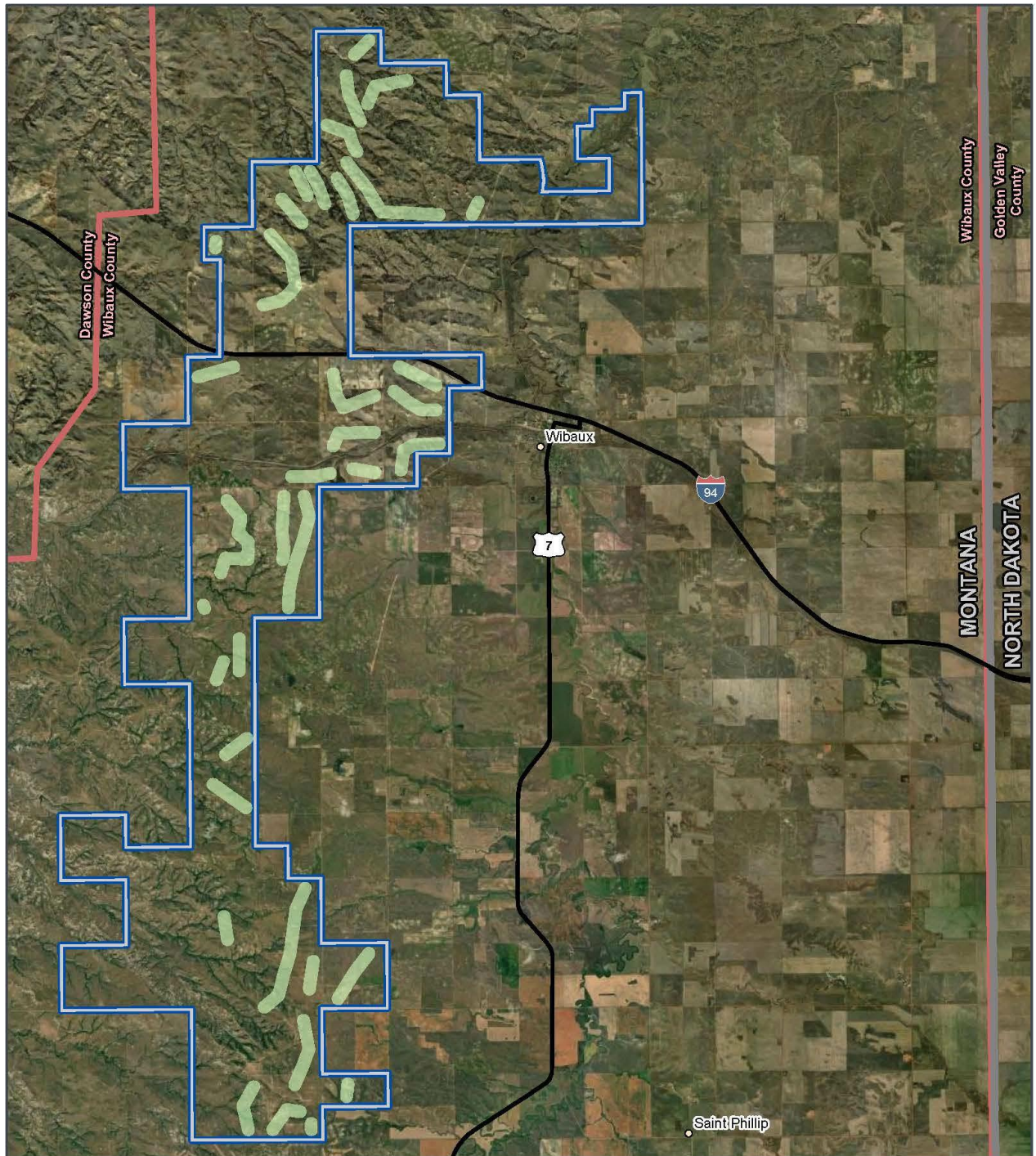
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# **Wibaux Wind Farm – Legal Description**

## **Hodges SE and Freeman Creek Quadrangle Maps**

### **13N 58E**

Sections 11, 12, 13, 23, 24

## **Hodges SE, Red Top Butte, and Freeman Creek Quadrangle Maps**

### **13N 59E**

Sections 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33

## **Freeman Creek Quadrangle Map**

### **14N 58E**

Sections 12, 25

## **Odland Dam SW Quadrangle Map**

### **15N 60E**

Sections 18, 19

## **Freeman Creek, Wibaux, Cluster Buttes SE, and Odland Dam SW Quadrangle Maps**

### **14N 59E**

Sections 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 17, 18, 19, 20, 30, 31

## **Cluster Buttes SE and Odland Dam SW Quadrangle Maps**

### **15N 59E**

Sections 9, 10, 14, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33