



Upper Great Plains Wind Energy Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

What Do the Agencies Propose? _____

Western's UGP Region proposes to develop and implement a comprehensive regionwide management program for wind energy project interconnections in response to an increasing number of wind-energy project interconnection requests.

The Service's Region 6 (Mountain-Prairie Region) proposes to develop criteria and implement a program that will consider authorization of wind generation activities on wetland and/or grassland easements.

What Are the Goals of the Project? _____

- Define areas with a high potential for wind-energy development in the Upper Great Plains Region.
- Define the natural and human environment that may be affected by potential wind-energy development.
- Understand the individual and cumulative impacts to wildlife habitat and wildlife as well as highlight those areas which should be avoided.
- Develop a streamlined approach for future environmental compliance.
- Develop and present mitigation measures for use by interconnection applicants.
- Implement an adaptive management approach that requires mitigation implementation, monitoring, and reporting.
- Provide an easy-to-use guide for applicants, whether for interconnection applications or for requests to use the Service's wetland or grassland easements.