

**Programmatic Biological Assessment Species Consistency Evaluation Form
Upper Great Plains Region Wind Energy Development Program
Impact Information and Consistency Determination**

Grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*)

Project Name: _____

Company: _____

Best Management Practices

- All general BMPs, as stated in the final *Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Upper Great Plains Region Wind Energy Program* and table 4.5-1 of the final *Programmatic Biological Assessment for the Upper Great Plains Region Wind Energy Program*, will be implemented where appropriate, during each phase of the project (i.e., site characterization, construction, operations, and decommissioning). Although not all-inclusive, several of the more important BMPs for the conservation of this species follow.
- Secure all food, trash, and other attractants in bear-proof storage containers in habitats occupied by grizzly bears.

Species-Specific Avoidance Measures

- Conduct preconstruction evaluations and/or surveys in areas of potential occurrence to identify suitable habitat and areas in which grizzly bears may occur within project boundaries.
- Do not site turbines, transmission lines, access roads, or other project facilities within 0.5 mi (0.8 km) of locations known to be occupied by grizzly bears.

Species-Specific Minimization Measures

Additional minimization measures specifically intended to reduce the potential for adverse effects on the grizzly bear have not been identified at this time. The identified avoidance measures together with general BMPs to reduce ecological impacts from wind energy under the proposed program adequately address the conservation measures for this species.

Impact Information

Project within county with recorded grizzly bears?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Preconstruction evaluations conducted with USFWS?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Dates: _____
Parties involved: _____			
Suitable habitat in or near project footprint?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Distance from suitable/occupied habitat or Grizzly Bear Management Unit:	_____	Miles	
Map of project footprint and species habitat attached?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Effects—Explanation of consistency determination with programmatic effects determination of "may affect, not likely to adversely affect" or "no effect":
