

Chapter 6. Consultation and Coordination

a. Scoping/Consultation

Public scoping was initiated with an article in the Star-Herald on July 25, 2010 that described the proposed action and publicized a public open house meeting held on July 27, 2010 (Appendix A). The park also sent scoping letters describing the proposed action and requesting comments to interested individuals; organizations; state, county, and local governments; and federal agencies. American Indian tribes were also sent an information letter describing the project and asking for comments.

This EA was forwarded to the Nebraska State Historical Society for review and comment. The park would coordinate with the Nebraska State Historical Society in the development of mitigation measures for historic structures.

The USFWS will review this EA to determine if they concur with the park's findings of effect and whether additional conservation measures are needed to protect listed species.

Agencies and organizations contacted to assist in identifying issues and to review or comment on this EA include, but are not limited to, the following:

Federal Agencies

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Congressional Representatives

- Honorable Ben Nelson, U.S. Senate
- Honorable Mike Johanns, U.S. Senate
- Honorable Jeff Fortenberry, U.S. House of Representatives
- Honorable Lee Terry, U.S. House of Representatives
- Honorable Adrien Smith, U.S. House of Representatives

State Agencies

- Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
- Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality
- Nebraska State Historical Society

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33 **State Officials**

34 ▪ Governor Dave Heineman

35 ▪ State Senator John Harms

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37 **Local and Regional Government Agencies and Officials**

38 ▪ Terrytown Mayor Ken Greenwalt

39 ▪ Gering Mayor Susan Weideman

40 ▪ Scotts Bluff Mayor Randy Meininger

41 ▪ Scotts Bluff County Commissioners Michael Marker, Steve Stratton, Douglas Leafgreen,
42 Ken Meyer, Mark Masterton

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44 **Newspapers**

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47 **Indian Tribes**

48 ▪ Omaha Tribe of Nebraska

49 ▪ Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

50 ▪ Santee Sioux Nation

51 ▪ Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

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b. Compliance with Federal and State Regulations

The NPS would comply with all applicable federal and state regulations when implementing the Preferred Alternative to construct the joint operations facility. Permitting and regulatory requirements for the Preferred Alternative are listed in Table 6 - 1.

Table 6- 1. Environmental Compliance Requirements

Agency	Statute, Regulation, or Order	Purpose	Project Application
Federal			
National Park Service	National Environmental Policy Act	Applies to federal actions that may significantly affect the quality of the environment.	Environmental review of the proposed action and decision to prepare a FONSI or EIS.
	National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106	Protection of historic and cultural resources.	The park is consulting with the office of the state historic preservation officer.
	Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands	Requires avoidance of adverse wetland impacts, where practicable, and mitigation, if necessary.	No wetlands present.
	Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management	Requires avoidance of adverse floodplain impacts, where practicable, and mitigation, if necessary.	No floodplains present.
	NPS Order No. 77-2 Floodplain Management	Protection of natural resources and floodplains.	No floodplains present.

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Agency	Statute, Regulation, or Order	Purpose	Project Application
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps)	Clean Water Act – Section 404 Permit to discharge dredge and fill material	Authorizes placement of fill or dredge material in waters of the U.S. including wetlands.	No wetlands present.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Endangered Species Act	Protection of federally listed threatened or endangered species.	The park consulted with the USFWS as part of the NEPA process.
State of Nebraska			
Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality	Nebraska Construction Storm Water General Permit	Erosion control and protection of water quality.	A stormwater pollution prevention plan would be developed prior to grading and surface disturbances.
	Nebraska General Permit for construction dewatering	Water quality protection associated with discharge of intercepted ground water.	A permit application would be submitted if excavation activities would cause the interception and discharge of ground water.

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