

Attachment F
MDNR Natural Heritage Review Request

Big Bend Wind, LLC
Docket No. IP-7013/WS-19-619
October 2025



Formal Natural Heritage Review - Cover Page

See next page for results of review. A draft watermark means the project details have not been finalized and the results are not official.

Project Name: Big Bend Wind Project

Project Proposer: Big Bend Wind, LLC

Project Type: Power, Wind

Project Type Activities: Wetland impacts (e.g., dewatering, tiling, drainage, discharge, excavation, fill, runoff, sedimentation, changes in hydrology); Waterbody or watercourse impacts (e.g., dewatering, discharge, excavation, fill, runoff, sedimentation, changes in hydrology)); Tree Removal; Grading

TRS: T105 R34 S5, T105 R34 S6, T105 R35 S1, T105 R35 S2, T105 R35 S3, T106 R33 S10, T106 R33 S11, T106 R33 S15, T106 R33 S16, T106 R33 S17, T106 R33 S18, T106 R33 S19 +

County(s): Cottonwood, Watonwan

DNR Admin Region(s): South

Reason Requested: PUC Site or Route Application

Project Description: OVERVIEW Big Bend Wind, LLC (Big Bend Wind or the Company), is requesting that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) amend the existing ...

Existing Land Uses: The existing land use is consistent with the land use included in the Revised 2021 Application and in the Site Permit issued by the Commission.

Landcover / Habitat Impacted: The landcover/habitat impacts are consistent with those included in the Revised 2021 Application and in the Site Permit issued by the Commission.

Waterbodies Affected: The wetland/waterbody impacts are consistent with those included in the Revised 2021 Application and in the Site Permit issued by the Commission.

Groundwater Resources Affected: The groundwater resource impacts are consistent with those included in the Revised 2021 Application and in the Site Permit issued by the Commission.

Previous Natural Heritage Review: Yes, ERDB#: 20180221-0002

Previous Habitat Assessments / Surveys: Yes

SUMMARY OF AUTOMATED RESULTS

| Category | Results | Response By Category |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Project Details | Needs Further Review | Needs Further Review |
| Ecologically Significant Area | Comments | MBS Sites - Recommendations Potential Local Conservation Value Potential RNC under WCA Protected Wetlands: Calcareous Fens Potential Fen Impacts |

| Category | Results | Response By Category |
|--|----------------------|--|
| State-Listed Endangered or Threatened Species | Needs Further Review | State-protected Species - Needs Further Review |
| State-Listed Species of Special Concern | Comments | Recommendations |
| Federally Listed Species | Comments | Visit IPaC for Federal Review |



October 29, 2025

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Project ID: MCE #2025-00862

AUTOMATED RESULTS: FURTHER REVIEW IS NEEDED

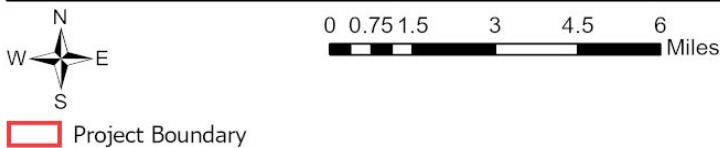
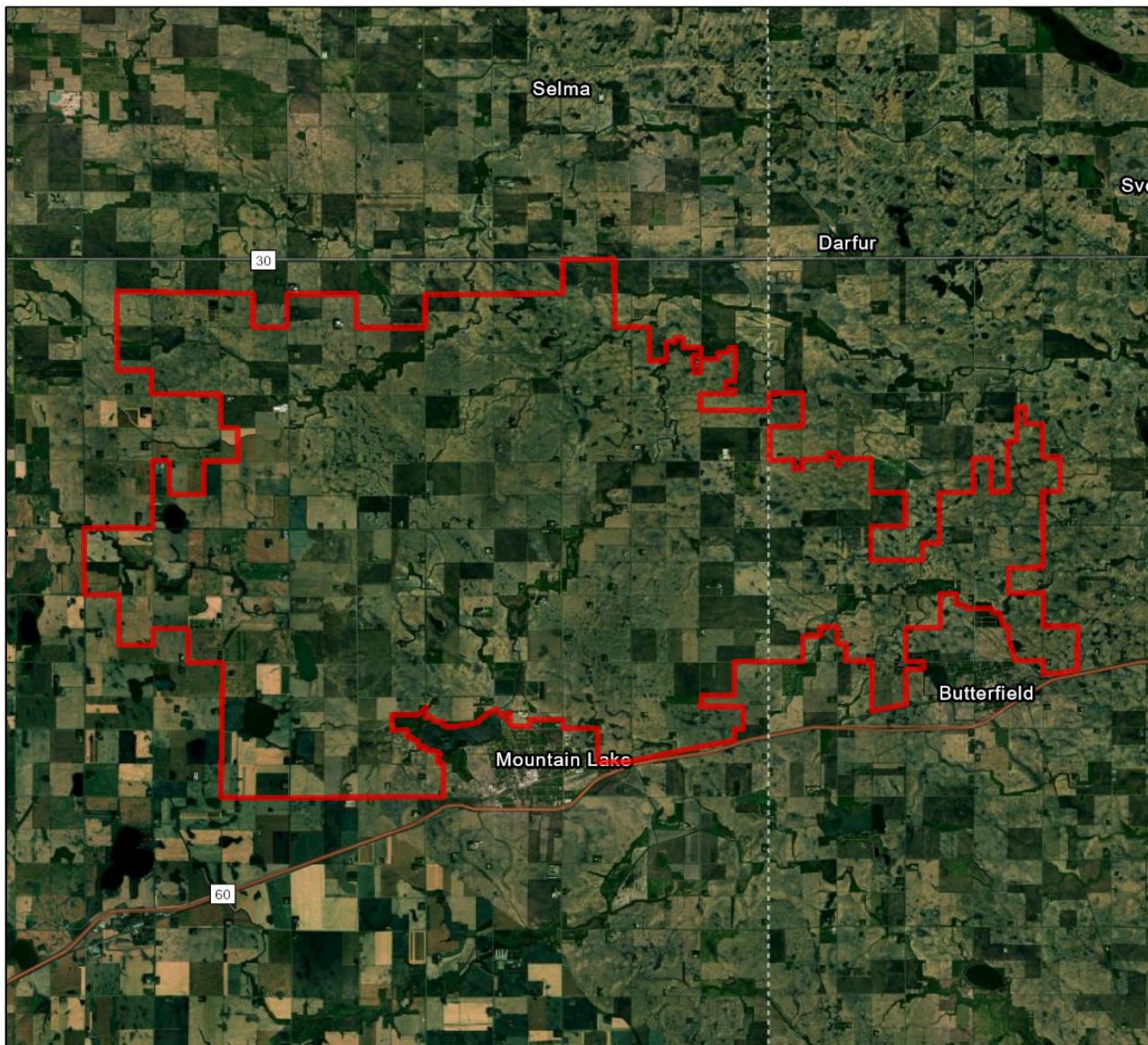
As requested, the above project has undergone an automated review for potential impacts to rare features. Based on this review, one or more rare features may be impacted by the proposed project and further review by the Natural Heritage Review Team is needed. You will receive a separate notification email when the review process is complete and the Natural Heritage Review letter has been posted.

Please refer to the table on the cover page of this report for a summary of potential impacts to rare features. For additional information or planning purposes, use the Explore Page in Minnesota Conservation Explorer to view the potentially impacted rare features or to create a Conservation Planning Report for the proposed project.

If you have additional information to help resolve the potential impacts listed in the summary results, please attach related project documentation in the Edit Details tab of the Project page. Relevant information includes, but is not limited to, additional project details, completed habitat assessments, or survey results. This additional information will be considered during the project review.

Big Bend Wind Project

Aerial Imagery With Locator Map



Project Type: Power, Wind

Project Size (acres): 43,517.54

County(s): Cottonwood, Watonwan

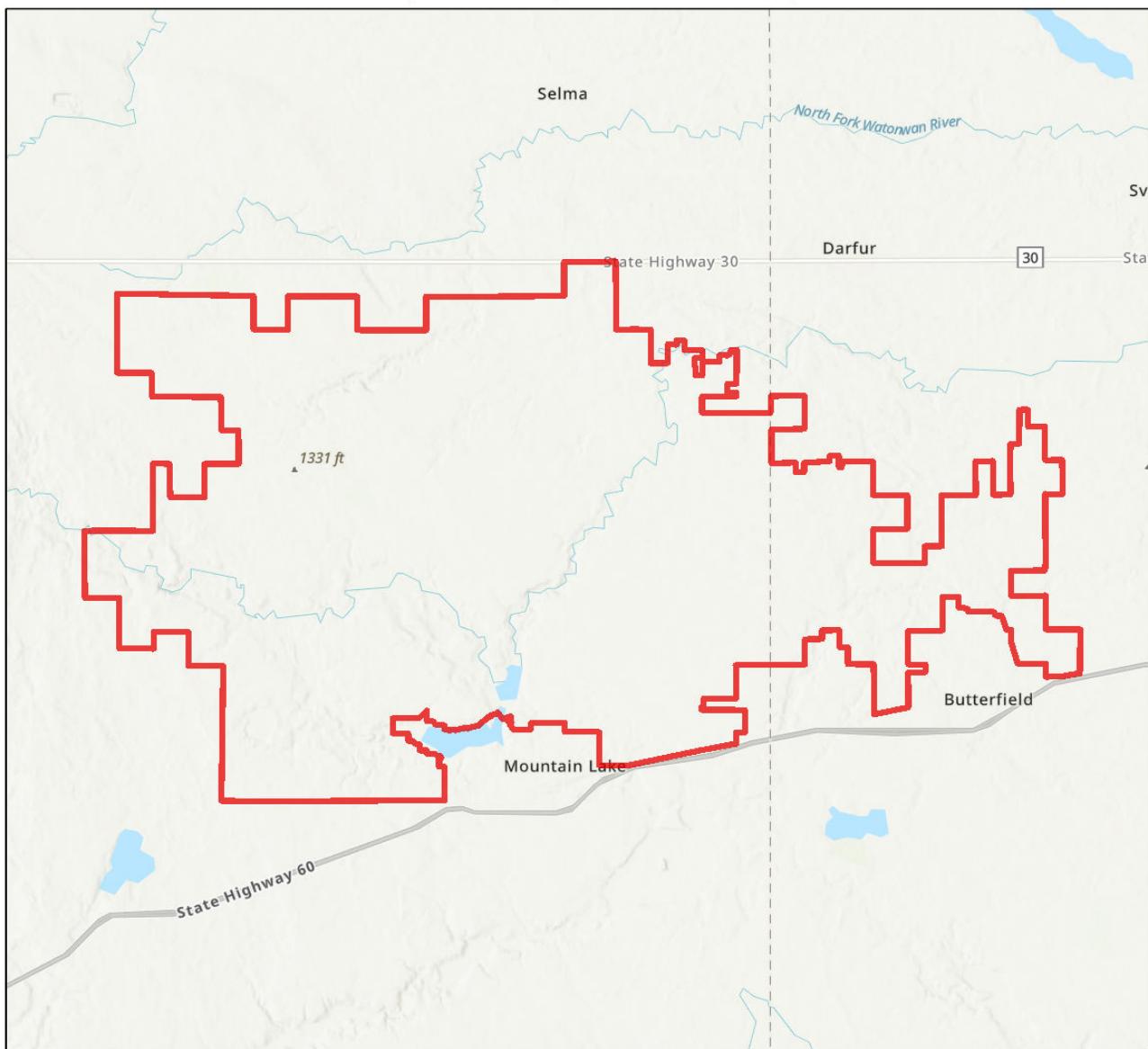
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Earthstar Geographics
MN Dept Natural Resources, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, METI/NASA,



Big Bend Wind Project

USA Topo Basemap With Locator Map



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Project Boundary

Project Type: Power, Wind

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