Section 4(f) Initial Assessment Form

May 29, 2015

Project Name	Project Number
Whitman East	NH-2-2(112)
Control Number	**Date Completed**
61008	11/18/2015
Project Location *(Town, County)*	**Name of Preparer**
Whitman, NE; Grant and Hooker counties	Meagan Schnoor

The following form was developed as an initial assessment of potential Section 4(f) properties within a project area. The number of each question block corresponds directly to the NDOR Section 4(f) Guidance section with the same number. **One Initial Assessment Form per PROJECT must be included as an attachment to the CE Form or incorporated into the appropriate chapter in the EA/EIS.**

NOTE: At the time the Section 4(f) Initial Assessment Form is filled out, the Section 106 process must be sufficiently complete that historic properties have been identified. A Section 106 Finding of Effect *(No Adverse Effect, Adverse Effect)* must be completed prior to determining whether the project results in a 'use' of an historic property. All Section 106 determinations and findings must be made and documented by NDOR Professionally Qualified Staff (PQS).

1. Identification of Section 4(f) Properties

A. *For historic properties*, based on the NDOR Section 106 Tier Review Form, are there properties that are listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A (Section 106 Tier I)

If Yes, provide the name, Finding of Effect, and any other pertinent information from the Section 106 review for each identified property.

H00-025 c1918 alignment of Potash Highway lies between the current Nebraska Highway 2 alignment and railroad. No temporary or permanent easement or any right-of-way would be required of H00-025. The project would result in no historic properties affected.

B. Are there existing or planned parks, recreation areas, or wildlife/waterfowl refuges present within a ¼ mile of the project area?

☐ Yes ☒ No

C. In consultation with the online resources identified in the Section 4(f) Guidance, list the **resources** used to determine if parks, recreation areas, or wildlife/waterfowl refuges are present.

Google Earth, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Refuges, Wilderness Areas, and Waterfowl Production Areas, http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ne/county/grant/, http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nehooker/, http://mail.nebnet.net/sandhills/sandhills/whitman.html, Nebraska State Historical Society, Nebraska Game and Parks Interactive Map and State Parks Map, Nebraska Water Trails Guide, Land and Water Conservation Fund listed sites; Email communication with Christee Haney, Grant County Clerk on October 27, 2015 regarding Doc Lake west of Whitman; Email communication with Dave Sullivan, Hooker County Clerk on November 17, 2015 communicating that no park or recreation resources are planned along N-2; Email communication with Christee Haney, Grant County Clerk on November 17, 2015 regarding the lack of county comprehensive plan.

D. Identify all potential Section 4(f) parks, recreation areas, and wildlife/waterfowl refuges *(include property name(s)*, *location(s) along project, etc.)*.

If No parks, recreation areas, or wildlife/waterfowl refuges are present, AND no historic properties need consideration from 1.A., indicate in the box below that no potential Section 4(f) properties are present. DOCUMENTATION IS COMPLETE.

Doc Lake and H00-025 c1918 Potash Highway

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2. Applicability Criteria for Section 4(f) Parks, Recreation Areas, and Wildlife/Waterfowl Refuges (not Historic Properties)

A. List all properties from 1.D. that are (1) NOT publicly owned, or (2) NOT privately owned and leased to a public entity, for a Section 4(f) protected purpose, and how this was determined.

Doc Lake. Christee Haney, Grant County Clerk provided information that Doc Lake is privately owned via October 27, 2015 email.

B. List all properties from 1.D. that are NOT open to the public, and how this was determined. (This does NOT apply to wildlife/waterfowl refuges.)

N/A

C. List all properties from 1.D. that are considered multiple-use properties, and what those uses are.

N/A

D. List all properties from 1.D. that were NOT called-out in 2.A. or 2.B.; **these properties will be carried forward in the Section 4(f) process. Also be sure to carry forward any multiple-use properties from 2.C. or historic properties from 1.A. that have temporary or permanent right-of-way**

acquisition or vibratory effects. If no properties are carried forward, note below and DOCUMENTATION IS COMPLETE.

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3. Determination of Section 4(f) Use

A. Is there a potential *use* of the Section 4(f) applicable properties from 2.D. above? Will the properties be impacted by the project, including access restrictions? (See Guidance Section 3 for definition of *use*.)

☐ Yes ☒ No Is there a potential *permanent* use?

☐ Yes ☒ No Is there a potential *temporary* use (including exceptions)?

☐ Yes ☒ No Is there a potential *constructive* use?

Any Yes: complete the appropriate Section 4(f) analysis for each impacted property

No: state impact avoidance measures below, then DOCUMENTATION IS COMPLETE

B. List impact avoidance measures (for "No" answer only). If justification is needed to support a "No" answer in 3.A., describe below.

H00-025 c1918 Potash Highway would be avoided by the project.

NDOR Reviewer Approval Signature: Date:

Digitally signed by Carrie Wencel
DN: cn=Carrie Wencel, o=NDOR - EDU, ou=NEPA Specialist, email=carrie.wencel@nebraska.gov, c=US
Date: 2016.07.07 11:11:14 -05'00'

FHWA Environmental Signature: Date:

FHWA signature is only required in the following circumstances:

- If the property is leased
- If the property is considered multiple-use
- If the Official(s) with Jurisdiction claims that the property is NOT significant