
Request for consultation - Nebraska Draft Regional Haze Progress Report (second planning period)

From Wharton, Tracy <tracy.wharton@nebraska.gov>

Date Tue 04-Mar-25 9:08 AM

To Peters, Melanie <Melanie_Peters@nps.gov>; jeff.sorkin@usda.gov <jeff.sorkin@usda.gov>; Shepherd, Don <Don_Shepherd@nps.gov>; King, Kirsten L <kirsten_king@nps.gov>; Pohlman, David C. <David_Pohlman@nps.gov>; Miller, Debra C <Debra_Miller@nps.gov>; Stacy, Andrea <Andrea_Stacy@nps.gov>; Haar, Milton J <milton_haar@nps.gov>; Ohms, Marc J <marc_ohms@nps.gov>; Welling, Leigh A <leigh_welling@nps.gov>; Porath, Mark T <mark_porath@fws.gov>; tim_allen@fws.gov <tim_allen@fws.gov>; Rose, Anita -FS <anita.rose@usda.gov>

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If you have questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you!
Tracy

Respectfully,

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RE: [EXTERNAL] Request for consultation - Nebraska Draft Regional Haze Progress Report (second planning period)

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To Peters, Melanie <Melanie_Peters@nps.gov>

Cc Shepherd, Don <Don_Shepherd@nps.gov>; Salazer, Holly <Holly_Salazer@nps.gov>

Hi, Melanie – 11am will work best, since I'm leaving at noon for an out-of-town trip.

Thanks,
Tracy

From: Peters, Melanie <Melanie_Peters@nps.gov>

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2025 6:08 PM

To: Wharton, Tracy <tracy.wharton@nebraska.gov>

Cc: Shepherd, Don <Don_Shepherd@nps.gov>; Salazer, Holly <Holly_Salazer@nps.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Request for consultation - Nebraska Draft Regional Haze Progress Report (second planning period)

Hello Tracy,

We are still in the process of reviewing this progress report and would like to set up a time for a consultation call. Would an hour-long call at 11am CT (10am MT) or 2pm CT (1pm MT) on Tuesday, April 22nd work for you? If so, please let me know and I will send out a calendar invitation. If not, let's plan to connect by phone next week to find a time that works. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Melanie

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Thanks, Melanie. In the meantime if anyone has questions, please feel free to reach out.

Have a nice day!
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Hello Tracy,

The NPS team will take a look and conclude FLM consultation by the 60-day deadline of May 3, 2025. Actually, since that is a Saturday, we will aim to be early and get consultation feedback to you sometime during the week of April 28th. It may be helpful to hold a call and talk through things. I will reach out to coordinate that once we have had a chance to review.

Best,
Melanie

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Tracy,

The Forest Service appreciates the opportunity to review the Nebraska Draft Regional Haze Progress Report for the 2nd planning period. Cooperative efforts such as these ensure that, together, we will continue to make progress toward the Clean Air Act's goal of natural visibility conditions at our Class I areas. We do not have any suggestions for change. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.



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Thanks, Melanie, and everyone else who participated and provided feedback. I'll be certain to reach out if we have questions.

Have a nice weekend - Tracy

From: Peters, Melanie <Melanie_Peters@nps.gov>

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Subject: Nebraska Regional Haze Progress Report Consultation

Hello Tracy,

Thank you for the opportunity for Federal Land Manager (FLM) regional haze consultation on Nebraska's Draft Progress Report for the Second Implementation Period. Staff from the National Park Service (NPS) held a consultation call with Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) staff on April 22, 2025. Staff from the other FLM agencies and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 7, also attended. This email and the attached technical comments (attachment 1) and workbooks (attachment 2) document primary NPS conclusions and recommendations and serve as our formal regional haze consultation, as required by 40 CFR 51.308(i)(2).

We appreciate the opportunity to consult on this progress report and look forward to continuing to work with NDEE to improve and protect air quality and visibility in NPS Class I areas. If you have any questions or would like to talk through any regional haze topics, please feel free to reach out.

Best,

Melanie

p.s. Please forward this along to your colleagues who participated in the call.

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NE Regional Haze SIP revision (Aug 2024)

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Nebraska RH SIP Revision submittal ltr.pdf; Nebraska-Regional-Haze-SIP-for-the-Second-Implementation-Period-2024-08-20.pdf; Appendix A - Visibility at Class I Areas.pdf; Appendix B - Additional Sources Discussed During FLM Consultation.pdf; Appendix C - Cost Analysis Comparison.pdf;

Good morning,

During our consultation call several of you mentioned that you had been unable to access our final RH SIP revision (round 2) from our agency website via the sharefile. I've attached a portion of the SIP documents to this email and will follow up with subsequent emails containing the remaining documents. I will not be sending you a copy of your comments on the SIP since you already have those.

I apologize for the inconvenience - unfortunately our newly updated website has limited options for attaching large documents or multiple-document plans. Once a proposed rulemaking is published we'll be adding a link to the EPA docket for access to the SIP package.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Have a great day!

Tracy

Respectfully,

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NE RH SIP Revision - Email #2

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Appendix D-1 - NPS Email and Updated 4F-NE List.pdf; Appendix D-2 - 17 Jul 2020 Oklahoma DEQ Request Letter to NDEE.pdf; Appendix D-3 - 17 Nov 2022 NPS Email - Request for Additional Consultation Time.pdf; Appendix D-4 - 11 Jan 2023 NPS Email RH SIP Questions.pdf; Appendix D-6 - Nebraska Response to FLM comments.pdf; Appendix D-7 - FLM and State Consultation Log.xlsx;

Appendix D-5 contained FLM comments/feedback/cost estimates and is not included in this email.

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Attachments 2 and 3 to the NPCA comment letter are coming with the next email.

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Appendices F, G, H, I, and J are unchanged from the draft version we provided during FLM review, so I won't send those again.

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