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Species	Status ¹	Preferred Habitat	Potential Occurrence	Identified on the Permit Site
Birds				
American White Pelican	NSS3	Big rivers, lakes, reservoirs, estuaries, islands, peninsulas	Unlikely	
Great Blue Heron	NSS4	Wetlands, water banks, rivers, lakes, fields, meadows	Present	
Snowy Egret	NSS3	Marshes, water banks, and shallow rivers, lakes, ponds	Possible	
Northern Pintail	NSS3	Riparian/wetlands, rivers, lakes, ponds in grasslands, fields, boreal forest	Likely	
Canvasback	NSS3	Riparian/wetlands, big rivers, lakes,	Present	
Redhead	NSS3	Wetlands, lakes, rivers	Likely	
Sandhill Crane	NSS3	Wetlands, grasslands, banks of rivers, lakes, ponds	Possible	
Upland Sandpiper	NSS4	Fen, cropland, grassland, fields	Unlikely	
Long-billed Curlew	NSS3	Wetland/riparian, grassland, meadows	Unlikely	
Western Burrowing Owl	NSS4	Grasslands, deserts, and savannas in burrows	Likely	
Short-eared Owl	NSS4	Wetland, fen, grassland, cropland,	Possible	
Willow Flycatcher	NSS3	Riparian, shrubland, woodland	Possible	
Sage Thrasher	NSS4	Desert, shrubland, sagebrush plains	Present	
Brewer's Sparrow	NSS4	Desert, shrubland, sagebrush plains	Present	
Sage Sparrow	NSS4	Desert, shrubland, sagebrush	Present	
Lark Bunting	NSS4	Cropland, desert, grassland,	Likely	
Grasshopper Sparrow	NSS4	Grasslands, fields, savanna	Present	X
McCown's Longspur	NSS4	Cropland, grassland	Unlikely	
Chestnut-collared Longspur	NSS4	Cropland, desert, grassland	Unlikely	
Bobolink	NSS4	Wetland, cropland, grassland	Unlikely	

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Mammals				
Dwarf Shrew	NSS3	Wetlands in alpine, scree, conifer forest, grassland, shrubland, woodland	Possible	
Vagrant Shrew	NSS3	Wetland/riparian, fen, conifer forest, woodland, grassland, field, shrubland	Possible	
Western Small-footed Myotis	NSS3	Roost in rock crevices, caves, tunnels, under boulder, loose bark, buildings, mines in desert, badland, semiarid habitat	Possible	
Little Brown Myotis	NSS3	Roost in buildings, caves, hollow trees in fens, wetland/riparian, forests, shrublands, woodlands	Possible	
Long-legged Myotis	NSS2	Roosts in caves, mines, buildings, rock crevices, under bark, hollow trees in riparian, desert, forest, woodland	Possible	
Hoary Bat	NSS4	Roosts in tree foliage, rock crevices, tree trunks and cavities in riparian, conifer forest, woodland	Unlikely	
Silver-haired Bat	NSS4	Tree cavities of conifer forest adjacent to lakes, ponds, streams	Unlikely	
Big Brown Bat	NSS3	Roost in buildings, trees, rock crevices, tunnels, caves in woodlands and conifer forests	Possible	
Townsend's Big-eared Bat	NSS2	Roost in caves, mines, buildings, tree cavities in conifer forest, woodland sagebrush, riparian	Possible	
Pallid Bat	NSS2	Roost in rock crevices in desert and grasslands	Possible	
Pygmy Rabbit	NSS3	Burrows in dense big sagebrush and	Present	X
Olive-backed Pocket Mouse	NSS3	Burrows in cropland, grassland, shrubland	Likely	
Prairie Vole	NSS3	Burrows in grasslands, fields,	Likely	

¹ **State – Native Species Status**

NSS1 - Native Species Status 1 - Populations are greatly restricted or declining, extirpation appears possible and on-going significant loss of habitat.

NSS2 - Native Species Status 2 - Populations are declining, extirpation appears possible; habitat is restricted or vulnerable but no recent or on-going significant loss; species may be sensitive to human disturbance.

NSS3 - Native Species Status 3 - Populations are greatly restricted or declining, extirpation appears possible; habitat is not restricted, vulnerable but no loss; species is not sensitive to human disturbance.

NSS4 - Native Species Status 4 - Populations are greatly restricted or declining, extirpation appears possible; habitat is stable and not restricted.