SOUTH DAKOTA
GAME, FISH and PARKS
Environmental Review Program
Outline

• Introduction

• What is environmental review?

• Who are the environmental review staff?

• Environmental concerns in South Dakota

• What role do we serve in the department?
Mission and Vision

• **Mission**

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• **Vision**

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What is Environmental Review?
National Environmental Policy Act

• NEPA requires federal agencies to assess the environmental effects of a proposed actions prior to making decisions
  
• Any time a project has federal funding
  
• Projects that involve federal land
  
• Projects that require a federal permit
THE GRAND SCHEME OF THINGS:
Types of Projects
Types of Impacts
Groups that We Work With

- South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources
  "Protecting South Dakota’s Tomorrow ... Today"
- SECOG
- Lake County Extension Office
- Western Area Power Administration
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- US Forest Service
- US Army Corps of Engineers®
- Terracon Consulting Engineers & Scientists
- APEX Clean Energy
- Invenergy
Internal Projects

- Provide reviews of Parks projects
- Permit applications for Wildlife projects
GFP Staff

- Shelly Deisch - Rapid City
- USFS NEPA Review
- Black Hills National Forest
- Custer-Gallatin National Forest
- Ft. Pierre National Grasslands
- Buffalo Gap National Grasslands
- Stan Michals - Rapid City
- Minerals and Mining Review
- Mitigation for wildlife
- Works with Bureau of Land Management
- Oil and Gas Development
GFP Staff-Senior Biologist

- Road improvements
- Solar farms
- Wind Energy
- Wetland banking
- Transmission lines
- Municipal projects
- Impacts to GFP owned lands
- Surface water discharge
GFP Staff Involved

- Wildlife Diversity Staff
- Park Managers
- Regional Terrestrial Resources Supervisors
- Area Fisheries Supervisors
- Conservation Officers
- GFP Land Managers
- Field Biologists
Environmental Concerns in South Dakota
Species of Concern

- 9 listed fish species
- 3 listed amphibians
- 7 listed bird species
- 3 listed mammal species

https://gfp.sd.gov/threatened-endangered/
Role of Environmental Review
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