

Memorandum

Topic: US 6 over BNSF Biological Review

From: Robert Belford – Senior Biologist

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On September 2, 2011, Robert Belford, Senior Biologist, with Wilson & Company conducted a site visit of the US 6 over Burlington Northern Santa Fe Improvements Project Area to review the site for the presence of biological resources and issues. The weather conditions were partly cloudy with temperatures in the low 80s. The project area consists of urban land use with commercial development.

The project area was observed for the presence of the following biological resources:

- Wildlife (Including sensitive and non-listed species) – No wildlife or their habitat exists within the project area.
- Migratory birds including swallows – No migratory birds or swallows are present within the project area.
- Wetlands and other Waterways- No wetlands, waterways, or riparian vegetation communities occur within the project area. Scattered individual plants were observed in some of the drainage ditches. These pioneer plants do not constitute wetland or riparian communities.
- Vegetation- Non-native vegetation is present within the proposed project area. Noted tree species include locust and sumac.
- Noxious Weeds- The site does contain weed species, but no Colorado listed noxious weeds are present within the project area.

Overall, no biological resources are present within the project area. No further action is required for biological resources.