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General Project Information

When were the Alternatives Public Workshops held?

Alternatives Public Workshops were held in Medora on July 17, 2008, and Bismarck on July 22, 2008. Forty-two people attended the workshop in Medora and 44 people attended the workshop in Bismarck.

What was presented at those workshops?

Four alternatives, including a no-build alternative, were presented as well as bridge and low-water crossing structure options.

Is the comment period still open?

The comment period for the Alternatives Public Workshops closed on August 22, 2008. Fifty-two comments were received. The majority of comments stated a general opinion of the project, a preference for the no-build alternative, and expressed concern for potential impacts to the Elkhorn Ranch Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and the Elkhorn Ranch lands.

Project Updates

What has been happening since the Alternatives Public Workshops?

Since the Alternatives Public Workshops, the lead agencies and Kadrmass, Lee and Jackson have been reviewing comments received on the methodologies and alternatives presented at the workshops.

Are additional alternatives going to be evaluated?

The lead, cooperating, and participating agencies are planning an internal meeting to discuss the methodologies used to develop and evaluate potential alternatives for the proposed project. This may lead to the development of additional alternatives or elimination of existing alternatives from further consideration. The environmental process is still in the early stages and no alternatives, besides the no-build alternative, have been definitively selected to be carried forward in the Environmental Impact Statement. Alternatives presented at the Alternatives Public Workshops are currently still under consideration.

Will another public meeting be held to discuss the range of reasonable alternatives?

No meetings are scheduled at this time. However, as the environmental process moves forward, additional meetings regarding the range of reasonable alternatives may be held.

Comments/Concerns

Where can I find additional information about the proposed project?

For more information and updates between newsletters, please visit the Little Missouri River Crossing project website at www.billingscountynod.gov.

Who can I direct my concerns to?

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Thank you to all who participated in the Alternatives Public Workshops and provided feedback on the proposed project.