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SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
On Draft Section 4(f) De Minimis Evaluation for Almos and Outlet Addition Game Production Area

RE: **Project # P-B-PT 0028(48)346, PCN 06NG, Hamlin County**
SD28 - Fm 192nd St E of Lake Poinsett to 5.2 W of Estelline; SD28 - 2.3 W Deuel Co Line over Big Sioux River
Grading, Interim Surfacing, Replace Str RCBC & Bridge, Approach Grading

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) has proposed to reconstruct SD Highway 28 in Hamlin County from 192nd Street east of Lake Poinsett to 1.2 miles west of Estelline. The project includes grading, interim surfacing, structure replacement, and approach grading to correct horizontal and vertical curves that do not meet a 70-mph design speed, widen the substandard shoulders, and improve unsafe county road connections.

To realign SD 28 to the south and to reconfigure 192nd Street as a "T" intersection with SD 28, the project would permanently incorporate approximately 1.53 acres of right-of-way and temporarily occupy approximately 3.40 acres under construction easements on the Almos and Outlet Addition Game Production Area (GPA). The GPA is approximately 88.74 acres, owned and managed by the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GFP).

Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 U.S.C. 303) requires a special effort be made to preserve the natural beauty of the countryside and public park and recreation lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites. In accordance with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) implementing regulations found at 23 CFR Part 774, comments are being solicited on the effects this project would have on the Almos and Outlet Addition GPA.

The activities, features, and attributes that qualify the GPA for Section 4(f) protection include public hunting, boat ramp access to Lake Poinsett, and other recreation such as bird watching and photography.

FHWA intends to make a Section 4(f) de minimis impact finding regarding the effects of the proposed improvements on the Almos and Outlet Addition GPA.

The following measures to minimize harm will be incorporated into the project plans and environmental documentation:

- Approximately 0.75 acre of existing highway right-of-way adjacent to the Almos and Outlet Addition GPA on the north side of SD 28 would be abandoned and become part of the GPA.

- The approach to the designated parking area located between Station 27+00 and 28+00 will be replaced in-kind, and the SDDOT Project Engineer will coordinate with the SDGFP Habitat Program Administrator during construction regarding the replacement of existing posts to demarcate the parking area.

    SDGFP Habitat Program Administrator
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- Access to the Almos and Outlet Addition GPA will be maintained at all times during construction at either of the GPA's access points located at North Lake Drive (Station 12+85R) and Station 27+40R. Signs will alert GPA users to construction activities, access restrictions, and closures.
- The staging and/or storage of construction equipment or materials shall not take place outside proposed construction limits that are within the defined boundaries of the 4(f) property.

The GPA and its recreational and wildlife attributes were examined during project development. All possible planning to minimize harm has been incorporated into the project, and these measures are expected to ensure no adverse effects on the protected activities, features, or attributes associated with the Almos and Outlet Addition GPA.

Comments will be accepted by email at chad.babcock@state.sd.us or by postal service at:

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Comments must be received by November 18, 2026. For further information please contact Chad Babcock, SDDOT, at (605) 773-3721

Attachments:
Section 4(f) Map
Construction Work Limits

ArcGIS Web Map



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Boat Ramp

Game Production Area

World Imagery

Low Resolution 15m Imagery

High Resolution 60cm Imagery

High Resolution 30cm Imagery

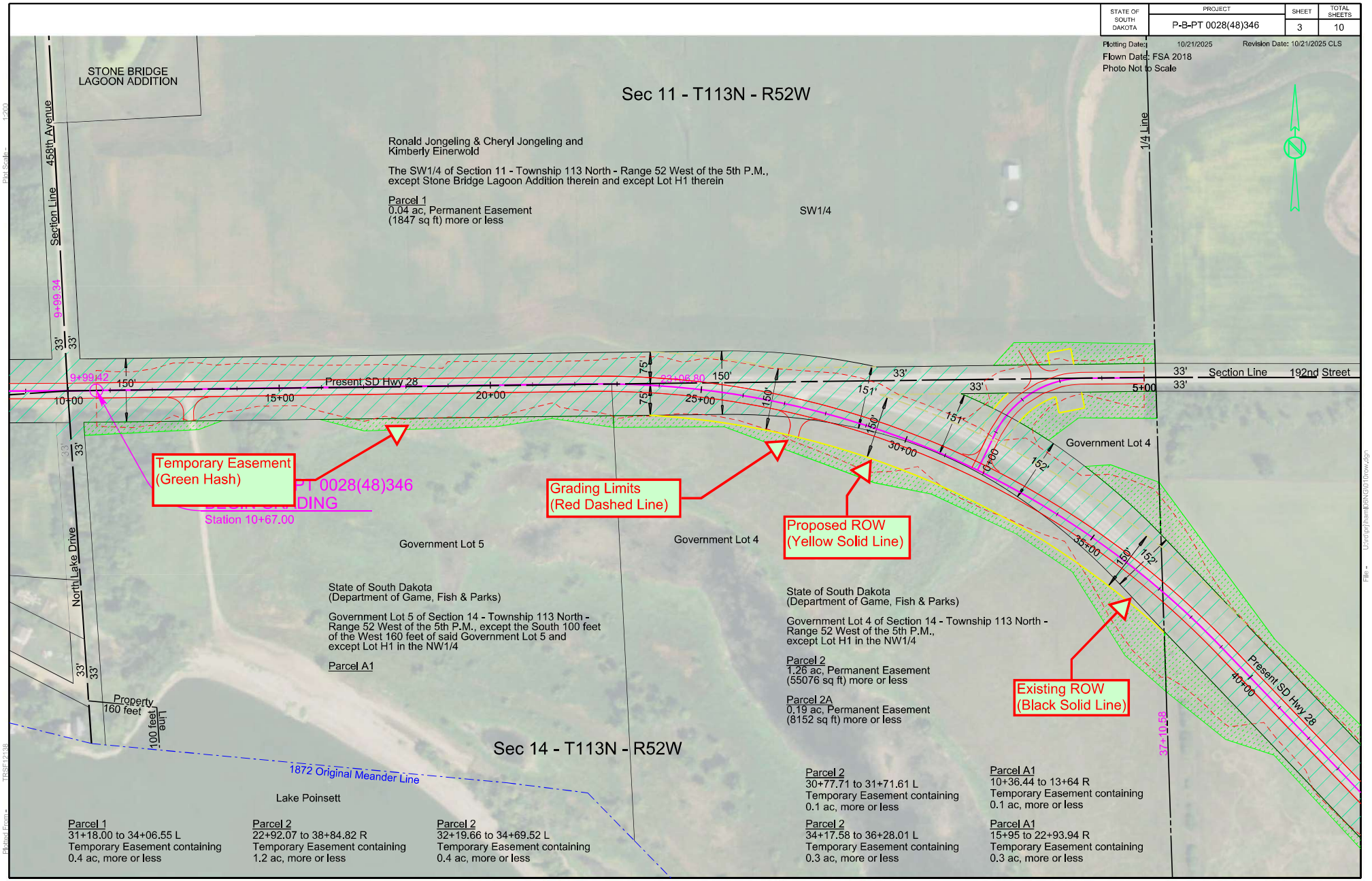
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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
PROJECT
P-B-PT 0028(48)346
SHEET
3
TOTAL SHEETS
10
Plotting Date: 10/21/2025
Revision Date: 10/21/2025 CLS
Flown Date: FSA 2018
Photo Not to Scale
STONE BRIDGE LAGOON ADDITION
Sec 11 - T113N - R52W
Ronald Jongeling & Cheryl Jongeling and Kimberly Einerwold
The SW1/4 of Section 11 - Township 113 North - Range 52 West of the 5th P.M., except Stone Bridge Lagoon Addition therein and except Lot H1 therein
Parcel 1
0.04 ac, Permanent Easement
(1847 sq ft) more or less
SW1/4
1/4 Line
458th Avenue
Section Line
9+99.34
9+99.42
Present SD Hwy 28
10+00
15+00
20+00
25+00
30+00
35+00
40+00
5+00
0+00
33+06.80
37+10.58
Section Line
192nd Street
Government Lot 4
Government Lot 5
North Lake Drive
Property
160 feet
100 feet line
Temporary Easement (Green Hash)
Grading Limits (Red Dashed Line)
Proposed ROW (Yellow Solid Line)
Existing ROW (Black Solid Line)
Station 10+67.00
State of South Dakota
(Department of Game, Fish & Parks)
Government Lot 5 of Section 14 - Township 113 North - Range 52 West of the 5th P.M., except the South 100 feet of the West 160 feet of said Government Lot 5 and except Lot H1 in the NW1/4
Parcel A1
State of South Dakota
(Department of Game, Fish & Parks)
Government Lot 4 of Section 14 - Township 113 North - Range 52 West of the 5th P.M., except Lot H1 in the NW1/4
Parcel 2
1.26 ac, Permanent Easement
(55076 sq ft) more or less
Parcel 2A
0.19 ac, Permanent Easement
(8152 sq ft) more or less
Sec 14 - T113N - R52W
1872 Original Meander Line
Lake Poinsett
Parcel 1
31+18.00 to 34+06.55 L
Temporary Easement containing
0.4 ac, more or less
Parcel 2
22+92.07 to 38+84.82 R
Temporary Easement containing
1.2 ac, more or less
Parcel 2
32+19.66 to 34+69.52 L
Temporary Easement containing
0.4 ac, more or less
Parcel 2
30+77.71 to 31+71.61 L
Temporary Easement containing
0.1 ac, more or less
Parcel 2
34+17.58 to 36+28.01 L
Temporary Easement containing
0.3 ac, more or less
Parcel A1
10+36.44 to 13+64 R
Temporary Easement containing
0.1 ac, more or less
Parcel A1
15+95 to 22+93.94 R
Temporary Easement containing
0.3 ac, more or less