

# Northern Long-eared Bat Uplisting

## As of March 31:

- Transitions from Threatened to Endangered status
- All take prohibited under Section 9 of ESA
- Coverage under 4(d) rule disappears, including programmatic consultations
- Impact to partners is primary concern, developing interim tools and guidance to ease transition
- Will impact active and developing projects



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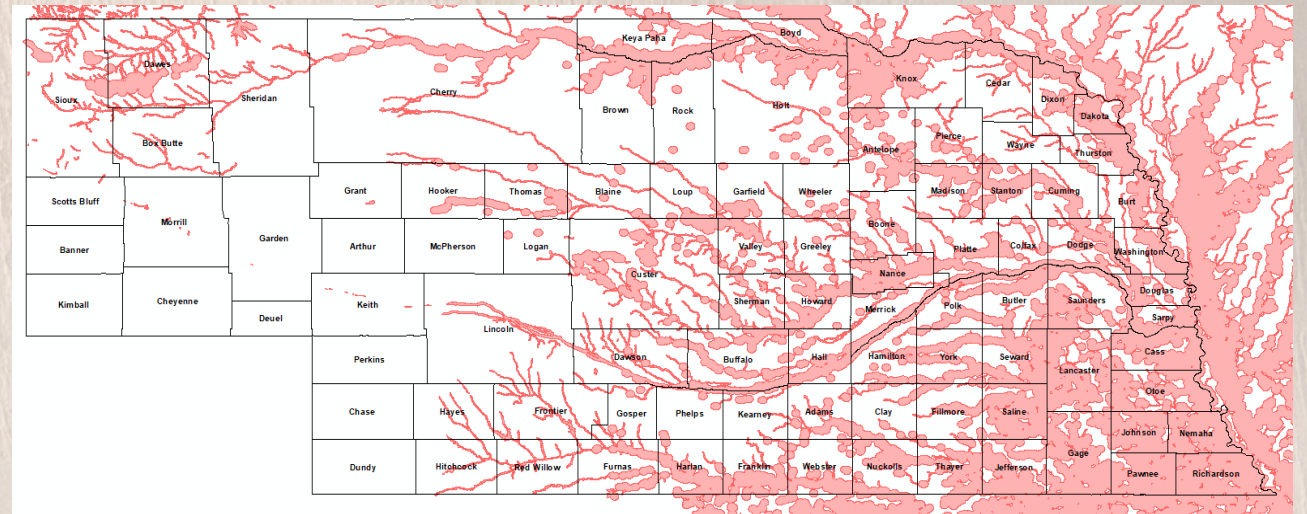
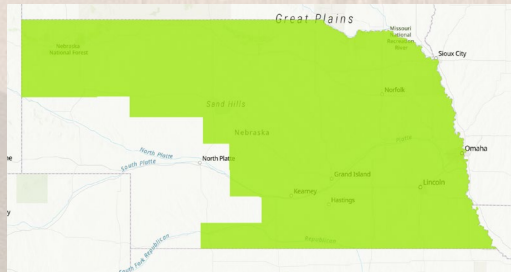


# Summary of the New Consultation Tools



## *Developing tools and guidance to assist in transition*

- Improved range map, and range-wide determination key (Dkey)
- Interim consultation framework
  - Streamlines consultation process for work done before April 1, 2024
  - Extends some 4(d) rule protections
  - <https://www.fws.gov/species/northern-long-eared-bat-myotis-septentrionalis>
- Preview tools now?





## USFWS's uplisting of Northern Long-eared Bat:

- Emphasis on conducting surveys will likely become basis for assessments
- Suitable roosting habitat and hibernacula is defined on Page 16 and 17 of USFWS Range-wide Indiana Bat and Northern Long-eared Bat Summer Survey Guidelines
- Nebraska has 5 known hibernacula; numerous roost sites have been identified. WNS impacts less well known

