

# Vegetation and Soil Surveys

#### **Noxious and Invasive Weeds**

Canada thistle

Diffuse knapweed

Hoary cress (whitetop)

Spotted knapweed

Houndstongue

Leafy spurge

Musk thistle

Perennial pepperweed

Russian knapweed

Saltcedar (tamarisk)

Black henbane

Halogeton

Cheatgrass

Poverty weed

Rare Plants



Meadow milkvetch
Persistent sepal
yellowcress



Perennial sowthistle

Map soil type for ecological site descriptions and reclamation

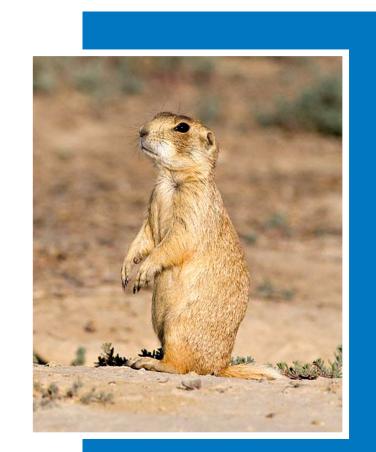
#### **Vegetation Transects**

Conduct point-intercept surveys to document canopy and basal cover

## Wildlife Surveys

- Wyoming pocket gopher
  - Mound and complex delineation
  - Habitat and vegetation surveys
  - Tunnel diameter characterization
  - Species occurrence modeling
- Pygmy rabbit
  - Habitat delineation
  - Demographic characterization
  - Habitat and vegetation surveys
- White-tailed prairie dog
  - Burrow and town delineation
  - Size and density estimates
  - Habitat and vegetation surveys

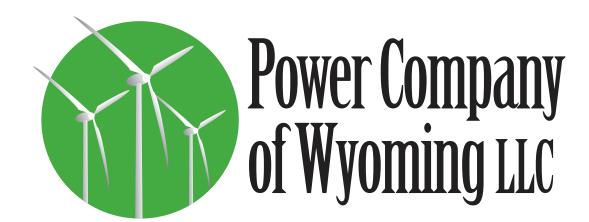
- Incidental observations of sensitive species
  - Swift fox
  - Northern goshawk
  - Burrowing owl
  - Ferruginous hawk
  - Mountain plover
  - Northern leopard frog
- Intensive monitoring of greater sage-grouse and avian species







Note: The above list is not all-inclusive. Biological surveys of multiple species have been conducted in accordance with guidelines from the Bureau of Land Management and from the Wildlife Monitoring and Protection Plan for the Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project (Appendix G, Record of Decision).



### Land and Drainage Surveys

- Erosional features
  - Quantify erosion risk for planned disturbances
- Drainage crossings
  - Document all crossings and quantify erosion risk for planned disturbances
- Wetland delineations
  - Wetland delineations and Clean Water Act section 404 permitting
- Watershed surveys
  - Characterize pre-project watershed and channel conditions





# Cultural and Paleontological Surveys

- Cultural resources
  - Survey of all planned disturbances
  - Site recording for all identified resources
  - Determination of eligibility under National Historic Preservation Act
- Paleontological resources
  - Site characterization and assessment of potential fossil-bearing formations
  - Identification of avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures







