CIG Update

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Grassland CIG
Overview

OBJECTIVES

1. Revise & improve the current ACoGS protocol
2. Model, verify, and certify remaining acres in DU’s portfolio
3. Continue to engage landowners, work to move the market forward
Objective 1. ACoGS v2.0

- Tremendous progress made to date, yet revisions continue.
- Completed extensive modeling exercise for additionality/eligibility.
- Refining language for project developers and verifiers.
- Public comment process likely to start early 2018.
Objective 2. Certify Remaining Acres

Completed DayCent modeling

Results suggest 39,000 offsets

Currently being verified

Issuance expected early 2018
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Wetland CIG

Overview: Feasibility Analysis of carbon offset potential, freshwater wetlands in the Northern Great Plains

Update

• Field data is not sufficient enough to accurately populate biogeochemical models
• Methane dynamics are a major constraint
• Most potential is for seasonal wetlands in cropped systems
Summary

• ACoGS v2.0 will be out for public comment soon, aided by in-depth conversion modeling

• Buyer side is stagnant; concerns remain about scaling the market and keeping landowners engaged

• Wetland carbon offset potential in the PPR is limited largely due to current methane accounting and anticipated monitoring requirements

• Most potential resides with seasonal wetlands in cropped systems.
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