

**6135.1000 PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT.**

Subpart 1. **Policy.** It is essential to regulate utility crossings of public lands and waters in order to provide maximum protection and preservation of the natural environment and to minimize any adverse effects which may result from utility crossings. These standards and criteria provide a basic framework of environmental considerations concerning such a proposed crossing. The standards deal with route design, structure design, construction methods, safety considerations, and right-of-way maintenance.

Subp. 2. **Application content.** For each environmental standard listed in these parts, the applicant shall indicate whether the applicant is satisfying the standard, where applicable, or if not, why not. In dealing with route design standards, the application must, where applicable, also supply data on relevant site conditions. Except when the commissioner determines that it is not feasible and prudent, or not in the best interests of the environment, the applicant shall comply with the following standards in designing, constructing, and maintaining utility crossings.

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