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In 1889 the brand new State of North Dakota through an act of Congress called The Enabling Act, received a gift of over 3 million acres of land from the Federal Government for the purpose of funding public education in the State to perpetuity. Typically, that transfer included Sections 16 and 36 in every North Dakota township. To manage the assets, Article IX of the North Dakota Constitution created the Board of University and School Lands, more commonly referred to as the Land Board. The Land Board is comprised of the Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer and Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The primary responsibility of the Department of Trust Lands is to manage the permanent educational trust funds and assets under the control of the Board of University and School Lands' control.

As outlined in the ND Constitution. State law also gives the Department the responsibility for managing several funds and minerals on over 10 million acres in addition to the trust assets, operating the state Unclaimed Property Division and the Energy Infrastructure and Impact Office.

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The key factor is to contact the Department of Trust Lands as soon as possible to get the process started using the [on-line application form](#). An early first contact is important for timely completion of the process.

**NEW! Track the status of your application on-line.** Now you can track the status of your application on-line with the new web based tracking tool. Real-time information is available showing the steps completed in processing the application and also outstanding deficiencies or missing information. After you have submitted an application, it will be logged into the system and within one business day you will generally be assigned a tracking number. This tracking number can be used to track the status of your application. All rights-of-way currently in progress have tracking numbers. [Click here to enter the tracking number and the status of the application.](#)

## Easement and Permit Procedures

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## Sample Documents

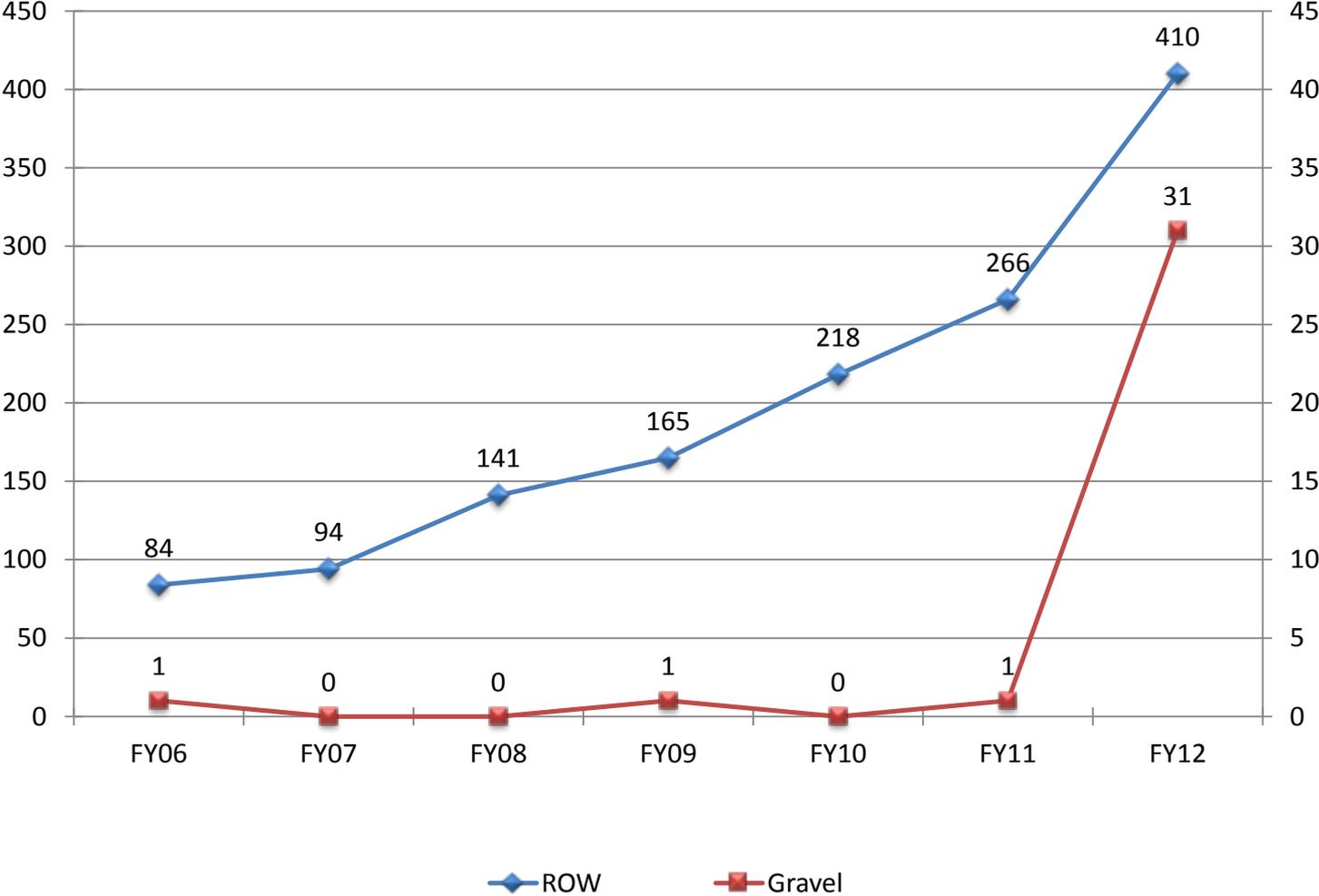
The following are examples of documents used for easements, permits and well site damage agreements. These documents are for informational purposes only. The Department of Trust Lands will complete the final documents during the easement process.

- [Linear Easement](#)  (used for pipelines and electric lines)
- [Road Permit](#)  (used for oil and gas development)
- [Oil Well Surface Damage Agreement](#) 
- [Planning and Preconstruction Survey Permit](#) 

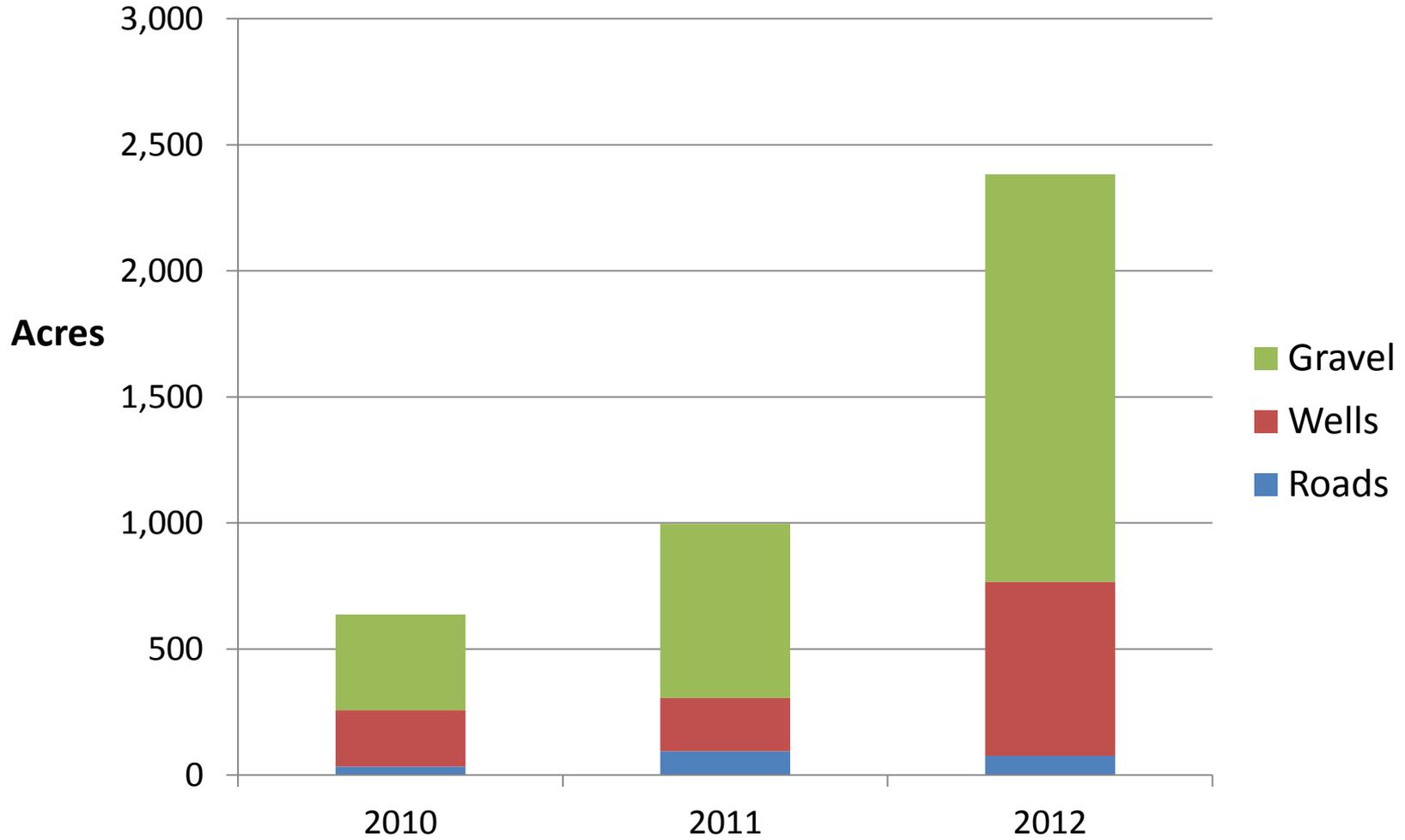
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- [Contacts for Right-of-Way & Surface Damage Agreement Applications](#)

# Number of Rights of Way & Gravel Applications Processed



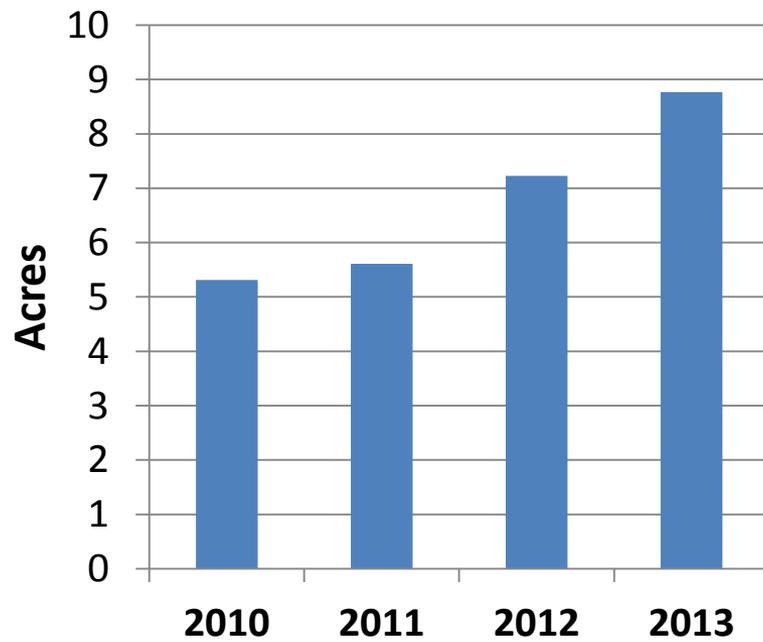
## The Acres Disturbed Annually has Increased Significantly



## ACRES & MILES OF PIPELINES CONSTRUCTED ON TRUST LANDS

	Acres	Miles
2010	255	42
2011	303	50
2012	469	77
Total	1,027	169

**The average size of well pads has increased over time.**

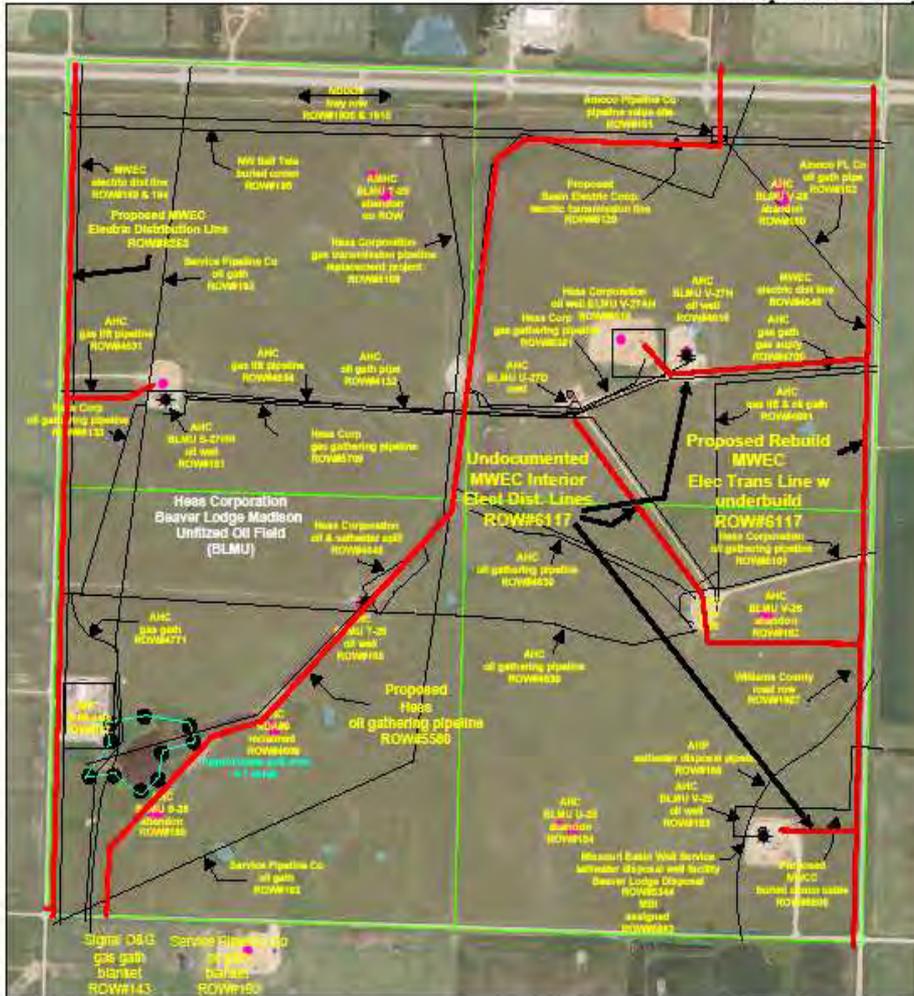


**The ND Department of Trust Lands requires a 12 inch soil reservation and seeding with native grasses on pipeline construction projects.**

Species	Lbs. PLS*/acre
Western Wheatgrass	8
Slender Wheatgrass	5
Green Needlegrass	4
Side-Oats Grama	2
Total	19

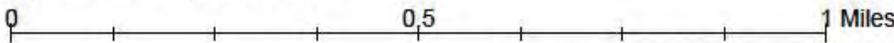


09/03/2008



**HB1333 passed the House unanimously and is now in the Senate. This bill requires the ND Industrial Commission to Develop a GIS database of all pipelines built since August 1, 2011.**

Map Datum is WGS 84 (same as NAD 83)



**We wish that we could be here to answer questions.**

**If you have any questions, please call 328-2800:**

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