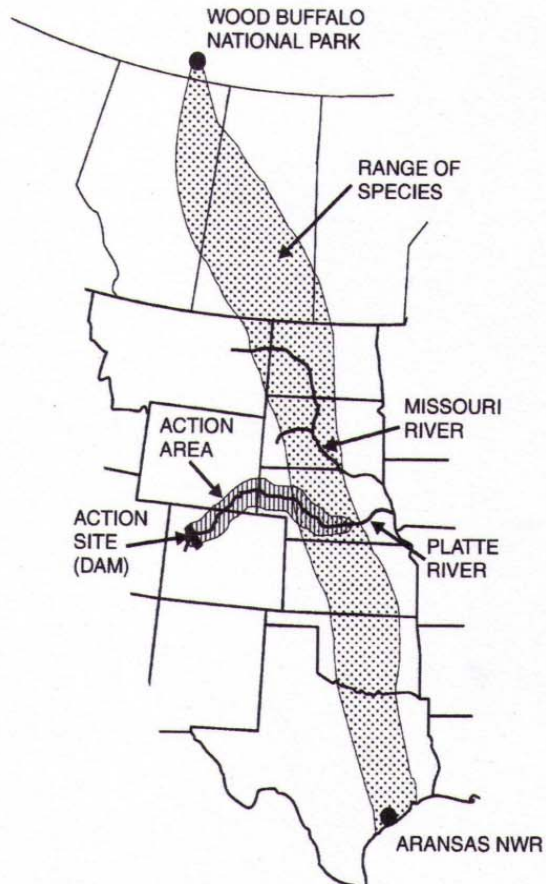


A dam on the Platte River in Colorado (project site) also may affect the water regime for whooping crane critical habitat (action area) 150 miles downstream in Nebraska.



To identify the Action Area for a consultation, Service biologists follow the Action's physical, chemical, and biotic stressors as they move across the lands and waters (through direct and indirect pathways) over time. They also identify the spatial and temporal distribution of the stressors that would be generated by the Action and use that distribution to define the Action Area for a consultation.