**TABLE 2.9-3** 

## CHARACTERISTICS OF LANDBIRD BELT TRANSECTS, SOUTH HEART LIGNITE MINE WILDLIFE BASELINE STUDY, JUNE 2007

Transect No. <sup>a</sup>	Habitat Type <sup>b</sup>	Approx. Dimensions (meter)		Approx. Canopy Cover (percent) <sup>c</sup>				Max. Canopy	Comments
		Length	Width	Tree <sup>d</sup>	Shrube	Bush <sup>f</sup>	Grass/ Forb	Height (meter)	
1	410	3100	50	0	0	0	75	0.5	Most grass <0.3 m tall
2	530	885	50	0	0	0	85	0.75	Dense, tall smooth brome
3	222	800	50	<5	1	20	65	0.75	Scattered green ash and chokecherry
4	410	185	50	0	0	2	85	0.5	Few, scattered silver sagebrush
5	110	245	50	55	10	0	60	11.0	Good shrub (chokecherry) understory
6	110	245	50	50	5	40	50	7.5	Substantial bush (snowberry) understory
7	110	520	50	20	3	2	90	20.0	Riparian savannah; many snags

<sup>a</sup>Figure 2.9-1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>110 = deciduous streambank

<sup>222 =</sup> silver sagebrush

<sup>410 =</sup> native grassland

<sup>530 =</sup> Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup>Approximate (approx.) canopy cover of each vegetative layer; total canopy cover could exceed 100% <sup>d</sup>Taller than 5 meters (m)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup>1-5 m; includes tree saplings shorter than 5 m and shrubs taller than 1 m

fWoody vegetation <1 m tall