Crane Viewing Tips:
For your safety & safety of the birds.
● Do not stop on major paved roadways.
● Do not attempt to approach the birds.
● It is illegal to harass cranes and other birds in any matter.
● Use your vehicle as a “blind” and stay in your car during day watching.
● Most land on the Platte River is private property. Please respect the land owners and do not trespass.
● Do not stop abruptly if you see cranes.
● Allow farm machinery and local traffic to pass by pulling over.
● Be prepared for cold temperatures, warm coats, hats, boots & gloves are recommended.
● Wear dark clothes to avoid startling the cranes.
● Sunrise & sunset are prime viewing times on the river. During the day, the cranes are in the fields eating.

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