



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, OMAHA DISTRICT  
106 SOUTH 15<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
OMAHA NE 68102-1618

February 18, 2005

Planning, Programs, and Project Management Branch

Mr. Jay Vogt, State Historic Preservation Officer  
State Historic Preservation Center  
Cultural Heritage Center  
900 Governors Drive  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Mr. Vogt:

The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks has submitted additional plans for work at the Pierson Ranch Recreation Area. It proposes to renovate an existing picnic shelter (Enclosure 1). Ground disturbing activities will include the installation of short sections of water and sewer line to connect to the existing system. The property is located immediately downstream from Gavins Point Dam, adjacent to South Dakota Highway 52 in the NE 1/4 of Section 17, T93N, R56W in Yankton County (Enclosure 2).

A December 2004 file search revealed that previous survey of the area encountered no sites within the recreation area (Blakeslee and O'Shea 1983) and that the area was heavily disturbed and remodeled by the construction of the dam.

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska responded by letter dated January 18, 2005. The Tribe has expressed no further concerns regarding this project, but wishes to be notified in the event of an inadvertent discovery. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, therefore, anticipates your concurrence with its **No Historic Properties Subject to Effect** determination. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sandra Barnum at (402) 221-4895.

Sincerely,

Candace M. Gorton, Chief  
Environmental, Economics, and  
Cultural Resources Section  
Planning Branch

Enclosures

Reference

Blakeslee, Donald J. and John O'Shea

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