



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, OMAHA DISTRICT
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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

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Dear Mr. Vogt:

The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks is planning additional work at West Bend Recreation Area. It proposes to upgrade 32 electrical lines and pedestals from 30 amps to 50 amps by replacing the pedestals and trenching in new electrical line. The line trench would be 4 inches wide and 2 feet deep, following the existing route. A new cabin is also proposed. It would sit on a concrete slab and involve ground disturbance only to a depth of 4 inches (Enclosure 1). The property is located in Section 10, T108N, R74W in Hughes County, South Dakota (Enclosure 2).

A June 2004 file search revealed eight recorded sites in Section 10 (Steinacher and Toom 1984; Buechler 1997; Hodgson 1998; Watts 2000; Sudman 2001). Three sites, 39HU85, 39HU86, and 39HU106 (isolated find), are not eligible for listing on the National Register. Five sites are unevaluated: 39HU224 (inundated), 39HU225 (inundated), 39HU84, 39HU282 and 39HU231/39HU83. The project will avoid known sites close to the proposed work areas (Enclosure 3), but the construction should be monitored because of the proximity.

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. With the stipulation that all ground-disturbing work be monitored by a qualified archeologist, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, 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 Gorton
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Environmental, Economics, and
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Enclosures