



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, OMAHA DISTRICT
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OMAHA NE 68102-1618

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

February 24, 2005

Planning, Programs, and Project Management Division

Mr. Woody Corbine, Executive Director
Mni Sose Intertribal Water Rights Coalition
P.O. Box 2890
Rapid City, South Dakota 57709-2890

Dear Mr. Corbine:

As part of the Title VI Land Transfer action, the State of South Dakota is managing the Oahe Downstream Recreation Area under perpetual lease from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District. The State is planning to install a trailhead gazebo near the marina (Enclosure 1). Eight inches of topsoil would be removed in a 13-foot hexagonal shape to pour a gravel-based concrete slab. Support will be attached to the concrete, so no postholes will be excavated. An 8 foot by 5 foot concrete walk would be poured to connect the gazebo to the existing asphalt walking trail. The areas would then be seeded with native grasses and forbs. A no-till drill, which disturbs only the top inch or two of soil, would be used to seed. The property is located in Section 32, T6N, R31E, Stanley County, South Dakota (Enclosure 2).

A January 2005 file search was conducted for the recreation area, revealing six cultural resources sites within this area: 39ST14, 39ST28, 39ST29, 39ST53, 39ST215, and Lewis and Clark (9-26-1804). One site is ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Of the remaining five sites, four are destroyed and ineligible. The Lewis and Clark campsite is usually inundated, and its eligibility is unknown. A 2001 survey of the recreation area by staff archeologists recorded no new cultural sites (Barnum 2001).

If you have any comments or concerns regarding this project and wish to consult on this matter, please respond in writing no later than March 28, 2005, referencing "Oahe gazebo" in your correspondence. 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
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Enclosures