



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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

January 26, 2005

Planning, Programs, and Project Management Branch

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

Dear Mr. Corbine:

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, as part of the Title VI Land Transfer action. The State is planning a controlled burn on four adjacent areas, totaling 17 acres (Enclosure 1). The areas would 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 conducted for the recreation area has revealed 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 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 February 25, 2005. Please reference "Oahe burn" in your correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sandra Barnum at (402) 221-4895 or Mr. Larry Janis at (402) 221-3110.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures