

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

OMAHA DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS OAHE PROJECT, ROOM #105 28563 POWERHOUSE ROAD PIERRE, SD 57501

January 28, 2005



Field Archaeologist

Mr. Woody Corbine Executive Director Mni Sose Intertribal Water Rights Coalition, Inc. PO Box 2890 Rapid City, SD 57709-2890

Dear Mr. Corbine:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plans to expand rock-gathering areas for the WW7 site protection project. The work will consist of gathering rock from the shoreline downstream of the original WW7 site protection project. Equipment such as bulldozers, trackhoes and haultrucks will be used to remove the shallow rock-bearing layer from the surface of the shoreline. Estimated depth of disturbance will range from 12 to 18 inches. Existing 2-track roads will be used as haul roads and access roads to the new borrow areas. The proposed projects are located in Sections 17 and 21, Township 121N, Range 78W, Walworth County, SD, USGS 7.5 min. Quadrangle; Moreau SE, near the Swan Creek Recreation Area (see map 1). Adverse weather conditions in early January prohibited the work defined in the December 21, 2004 letter. Therefore, this action includes that previously defined borrow area as well as two additional borrow areas defined on the enclosed maps.

A file search revealed 5 cultural resource sites recorded within one-mile of the project area:

Site Number	Site Name	Site Type	NR Status
39WW0301		earthlodge village	not assessed
39WW0017	LeBeau Townsite	historic townsite	not assessed
39WW0016		artifact scatter	not eligible
39WW0055	Little Runner Site	artifact scatter	not assessed
39DW0214		earthlodge village	not assessed

These sites are all located outside the planned activity areas needed for this project. In addition, 39DW0214 is located on the west (opposite) bank of the Missouri River on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation.

If you have and comments or concerns regarding this project and wish to consult on this matter, you may respond in writing no later than March 1, 2005. Please reference "Additional Borrow Areas at WW7" in your correspondence. Feel free to contact me at (605) 224-5862 x. 3269 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Harnois Sr. Field Archaeologist, Oahe Project

References Cited:

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Enclosure:

1. Additional Borrow Areas at WW7 map 1

CF with enclosure: Dan Schafer, Cultural Resources Law Enforcement Officer SD Dept. of Game, Fish and Parks CENWO-OD-OA (Key)