



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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

December 14, 2004

Planning, Programs, and Project Management Branch

Mr. Woody Corbine, Executive Director
Mni Sose Intertribal Water Rights Coalition
514 Mount Rushmore Road
Rapid City, South Dakota 57709-2890

Dear Mr. Corbine:

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 lines. 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 February 2004 file search revealed 8 recorded sites in Section 10. Three sites, 39HU85, 39HU86, and 39HU106 (isolated find) are not eligible for listing on the National Register. Three sites are unevaluated: 39HU224 (inundated), 39HU225 (inundated), and 39HU84. The remaining two sites, 39 HU231 and 39HU83, are potentially eligible. The area was surveyed by the University of Nebraska ((Falk 1983).

The borrow area for the project was included in a survey by the University of South Dakota (Hodgson 1998). Twelve auger tests and 23 shovel tests were performed.

If you have any comments or concerns regarding this project and wish to consult on this matter, please respond by letter no later than January 12, 2005. Please reference "West Bend electrical" in your correspondence. Please contact staff members Ms. Sandra Barnum at (402) 221-4895, or Mr. Larry Janis at (402) 221-3110 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Candace M. Gorton, Chief
Environmental, Economics, and
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Planning Branch

Enclosure

REFERENCE

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