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Planning, Programs, and Project Management Division

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

Dear Mr. Corbine:

The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks proposes to rebury portions of the waterline which connect the East Whitlocks lakeside use area to West Whitlocks Recreation Area. Due to extremely low water conditions, approximately 200 feet of the waterline is exposed on either side. Portions of the line have previously been buried. The property is located in Section 9, T118N, R78W, in Potter County, South Dakota (enclosure).

A December 2004 file search for the project area was conducted, revealing three recorded sites within Section 9. Two of the sites, 39PO21 and 39PO45, are not considered eligible for the National Register. The third site, 39PO22, is an unassigned stone circle site of unassessed eligibility (Pepperl and Falk 1986; Winham and Lueck 1983). Site 39PO21 is the only site within the lakeside use area, and it is not located within the footprint of the proposed project area.

If you have any comments or concerns regarding this project and wish to consult on this matter, you may respond in writing no later than January 17, 2005. Please reference "Whitlocks waterline" 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,

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Enclosure

References

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