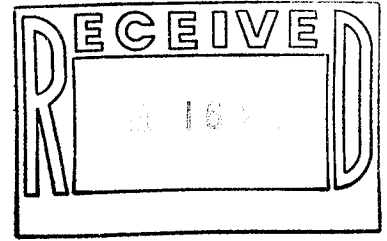




REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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

December 10, 2004



Planning, Programs, and Project Management Branch

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

Dear Mr. Corbine:

The State of South Dakota has submitted additional plans for work at the Pierson Ranch Recreation Area. They propose to renovate an existing picnic shelter (Enclosure 1). Ground disturbing activities will include the installation of short sections of water and sewer lines to connect to the existing system. The property is located immediately downstream from Gavins Point Dam, adjacent to South Dakota Highway 52 in the NE 1/4 of Section 17, T93N, R56W in Yankton County (Enclosure 2).

A December 2004 file search revealed that previous survey of the area encountered no sites within the recreation area (Blakeslee and O'Shea 1983), and that the area was heavily disturbed and remodeled by the construction of the dam.

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 13, 2005. Please reference "Pierson Ranch" in your correspondence. If you have any questions, 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

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