



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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

January 24, 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 South Dakota Army National Guard (SDARNG) and State of South Dakota have submitted a request to lease land owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers near Fort Pierre, SD. The proposed lease location is in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, Township 5N, Range 31E, in Stanley County, South Dakota, Oahe Dam 7.5' Quadrangle (see enclosed maps).

The SDARNG has met with the Corps of Engineers and the State of South Dakota, Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GF&P) to identify a site in the area of the GF&P Fisheries Research Center that could be leased by the SDARNG. The proposed lease area is located immediately north of the existing Fisheries Research Center and would occupy a portion of land currently under lease to GF&P.

Through these preliminary planning sessions, GF&P has agreed to change the boundaries to accommodate the SDARNG and has requested an amendment to their lease. This proposed amendment would extend the western edge of their current lease area, effectively adjoining the eastern edge of the Mni Wiconi Rural Water System water treatment plant site. The SDARNG lease would then occupy a 40-acre tract adjoining the north edge of the area leased to GF&P.

At present GF&P has no plan to improve their new lease area. The SDARNG however, plans on using their lease area as a Military Vehicle Service Center, which will include a maintenance shop and security fence around the compound. The SDARNG also intends to build a new armory on this tract of land in the future. No designs have yet been presented for the development of the SDARNG lease area, as their funding is dependant upon obtaining the necessary land. Therefore, it is to be assumed that 100% of the 40-acre tract could potentially be disturbed by SDARNG construction activities.

A file search of the area in question listed 13 cultural resource sites as having been recorded in this general area.

<u>Site Number</u>	<u>Site Name</u>	<u>Site Type</u>	<u>NR Status</u>
39ST0015	Indian Creek Site	Earthlodge Village	Eligible
39ST0016	Breeden's Village	Earthlodge Village Campsite	Eligible
39ST0018		Earthlodge Village	Not Assessed
39ST0087	Dunn Homestead	Dugout/Depressions Artifact Scatter	Not Assessed
39ST0217	Ft. Pierre II	Military Post Trading Post	Listed
39ST0237	Ft. Pierre Chouteau	Trading Post Military Post	Listed
39ST0247	McPherson Farmstead	Euro-American Homestead	Not Eligible
39ST0248	Phares Homestead	Dugout/depressions	Not Eligible
39ST0249		Prehistoric Artifact Scatter	Not Eligible
39ST0250		Prehistoric Artifact Scatter	Not Assessed
39ST0251	Bear's Rib Rock	Lithic Scatter	Not Eligible
39ST0292	Ft. Galpin	Trading Post	Not Assessed
39ST2049		Rail Road Grade	Eligible

39ST0018 (Bauxer 1947, Winham 1995, Buechler 1996), 39ST0016 (Lazio 1977, Toom and Artz 1985), 39ST0087, 39ST0217, 39ST0247, 39ST0248, 39ST0249, 39ST0250, 39ST0251 (Toom and Artz 1985), 39ST0244 (Toom and Artz 1985, Winham 1995) 39ST2049 Winham 1995, Buechler 1996), 39ST0237 (Fosha 2002), and 39ST0292 (Mason and Fosha 1989)

Only 2 sites are near the project area. 39ST2049 is an historic railroad grade on the opposite (east) side of HWY 1806 and will not be impacted by the project. 39ST0016 is located near the project area but is also located on the opposite (east) side of HWY 1806). The potential for buried deposits is low, as evidenced by the lack of cultural resources exposed during previous ground disturbing activity adjacent to the project area (including previously permitted construction of GF&P buildings, fisheries ponds, and the Mni Wiconi Water treatment plant). However, should this lease action be completed, any planned construction will be coordinated with this office in order to arrange for archaeological monitoring of any ground disturbing activities. This requirement results from the close proximity of the project area to 39ST0016.

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 February 22, 2005. Please reference "National Guard Armory" in your correspondence. Feel free to contact me at (605) 224-5862 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Richard D. Harnois
Sr. Field Archaeologist
Oahe Project

References Cited

Bauxer

- 1947 *Smithsonian Institution River Basin Surveys, Site Form 39ST18*. Prepared for the Smithsonian Institution River Basin Surveys. On file at South Dakota State Archaeological Research Center, Rapid City.

Buechler, Jeff

- 1996 *Short Format Report of a Class III Cultural Resources Inventory Survey of Dean Kurtz Construction's Staging Area and Pipeline Easement in Stanley County, South Dakota*. Submitted to the Dean Kurtz Construction, Rapid City. On File at South Dakota State Archaeological Research Center, Rapid City.