

August 5, 2015

Mr. Rick Thomas
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SUBJECT: REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE DRAFT TRIBAL CULTURAL SURVEY
REPORT FOR THE RENO CREEK IN SITU URANIUM RECOVERY PROJECT
IN CAMPBELL COUNTY, WYOMING

Dear Mr. Thomas:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requests your review and comment on a tribal cultural survey report for the Reno Creek In Situ Uranium Recovery (ISR) Project in Campbell County, Wyoming. Representatives from your Tribe and 11 other Tribes participated in the survey which was conducted as part of the NRC Section 106 consultation process under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The NRC appreciates the time and expertise that your Tribe provided during that survey.

In June and July of 2014, representatives from your Tribe participated in a tribal cultural survey of the Reno Creek ISR Project's direct area of potential effect. The purpose of this survey was to (i) identify and record sites of religious and cultural significance to Tribes, and (ii) make recommendations regarding the sites' National Register of Historic Places eligibility. The NRC's cultural resource contractor assisted with data gathering. The NRC staff developed the attached report based on information gathered at the survey and provided by participating Tribes.

Following the survey, the NRC staff contacted participating Tribes asking for additional information that should be included in its assessment of potential historic properties. One Tribe provided a survey report which was incorporated in the final report. In addition, the report reflects information from both the license application and data gathered during the tribal cultural survey. Based on the information provided and its analysis of the survey data, the NRC staff has determined that there are no potentially eligible historic properties at the Reno Creek ISR Project. Enclosure 1 is the draft Reno Creek Tribal Cultural Survey Report, Enclosures 2 and 3 are Wyoming cultural resource property forms for the Reno Creek ISR Project.

The NRC staff welcomes your comments on this report and urges you to provide any additional information that may affect the results of this analysis. If no additional information is received by the NRC staff, the enclosed report, cultural resource property forms and associated recommendations will be transmitted to the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (WY SHPO) for its concurrence. If you have additional information that can be used for the NRC's NHPA determinations for this licensing action, please provide this information to the NRC project manager. Please review the attached information and provide comments or additional information within 30 days of the date of this letter.

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Please feel free to contact the NRC Project Manager, Ms. Jill Caverly, at 301-415-7674 or via email at Jill.Cavery@nrc.gov should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

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2. Wyoming Cultural Properties Forms
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