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MR. PAUL H. LOHAUS  
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF STATE AND TRIBAL PROGRAMS  
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Dear Mr. Lohaus,

We request your participation in reporting to Congress on the Federal archeological activities that your agency conducted in fiscal year 2002 by completing and submitting the annual questionnaire. The Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA; 16 U.S.C. 470ii-mm) and the Archeological and Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 469-469c) require the Secretary of the Interior to report to Congress on the Federal archeology program. Information from past reports has provided important guidance for Congressional actions, for example, in preparing the 1988 amendments to ARPA which have enhanced the law enforcement provisions of the statute substantially. As you know, reporting with the LOOT form is a way for many agencies to fulfill their Section 14(c) responsibilities under ARPA.

The questionnaire, answer sheet, LOOT briefing statement and LOOT forms may be found on our web site at [www.cr.nps.gov/aad/src/forms.htm](http://www.cr.nps.gov/aad/src/forms.htm)

The Departmental Consulting Archeologist and the Archeology and Ethnography Program within the National Park Service prepare the Secretary's report based on responses to the questionnaire. We thank you for your cooperation in preparing and providing the information requested. Without your attention and careful work, our goal of providing a detailed and useful report could not be met. You will find this report helpful in carrying out archeological activities for your agency, in assisting with the development of your archeological program, and as a resource for information exchange with others who may be conducting similar work. In the past we have worked with your staff on this report and we look forward to continuing this cooperation.

Last year we sent you a spreadsheet that summarizes your agency's numeric responses since 1985. We plan to post this cumulative data on our web site soon. If you have any corrections, we would appreciate receiving them so that we may ensure our database contains the most accurate information possible as we prepare an overview of the federal archeology program.

Please return the completed questionnaire and LOOT forms to the Departmental Consulting Archeologist by **March 31, 2003**.

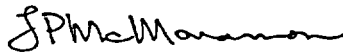
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If there are questions about the questionnaire, please contact Dr. Barbara Little of my staff at (202) 354-2130; FAX (202) 371-5102; email: barbara\_little@nps.gov. You may send paper copies or submit your report via email to this address.

On behalf of the Secretary of the Interior and Congress, thank you for your continuing participation in this important program review and reporting effort.

Sincerely,



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Departmental Consulting Archeologist

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