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Ms. Sarah M. Fields
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Dear Ms. Fields:

Thank you for your letter of April 23, 2004, requesting information about the White Mesa Archeological District. Please find our response to your specific questions and requests below. As per your first request, we have attached documentation that verifies that the White Mesa Archeological District was found eligible. For your convenience, we have also attached other documents referenced in this response as attachments.

1) Verification that the Keeper of the National Register found the parcels described in the March 28, 1979 and December 12, 1979 requests to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places:

We have attached our copies of the March 28, 1979 letter from Mr. Ross A. Scarano Chief of the Division of Waste Management, Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch, Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requesting a determination of eligibility for an 1,840 acre area located five miles south of Blanding, Utah in T37S, R22E, from the Keeper of the National Register, who called this area the White Mesa Archeological District, and copies of the Keeper's April 26, 1979 determination as ATTACHMENT 1. Please note that these are the same attachments submitted with your request. They should serve as verification that the White Mesa Archeological District was found eligible. We have also attached our copies of the December 12, 1979 letter from Mr. Ross A. Scarano, Chief of the Division of Waste Management, Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch, NRC requesting a determination of eligibility for an extension (the first of two extensions, the second being named the Energy Fuels Exchange Parcel) to the White Mesa Archeological District and for five historic sites (Earth Dam, Range War Site, Kumen Jones Homesite, Posey War Sites, and White Mesa Community) from the Keeper of the National Register and copies of the Keeper's August 11, 1980 determination as ATTACHMENT 2. Please note that these are the same attachments submitted with your request. They should serve as verification that the White Mesa Archeological District extension (the first extension) was found eligible.

2) The dates and pages of the Federal Register notices for the White Mesa Archeological District and its additions:

Federal Register notices may be found at www.gpoaccess.gov. For your convenience, we have attached copies of the notices for the White Mesa Archeological District, Federal Register / Vol. 45, No. 54 / Tuesday, March 18, 1980, page 17514, and the Energy Fuels Exchange Parcel (the second addition to the White Mesa Archeological District), Federal Register / Vol. 46, No. 22 / Tuesday, February 3, 1981, page 10678 (See ATTACHMENT 3).

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3) Eligibility determinations for the five historic sites (Earth Dam, Range War Site, Kumen Jones Homesite, Posey War Sites, and White Mesa Community) after additional information was forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register in December 1979:

We were unable to locate documentation of determinations of eligibility on the five historic sites, and no requests for determinations of eligibility on these sites are currently pending.

4) The National Register should request that the NRC nominate the property for listing in the National Register under 36 C.F.R. 63.6:

Section 110 (2A) of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended gives the responsibility for nominating properties under the jurisdiction or control of the Federal agency to the Federal agency. The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended can be downloaded from the National Park Service website at:

<http://www2.cr.nps.gov/laws/NHPA1966.htm>, however, a copy of Section 110 of the Act is provided for your convenience as ATTACHMENT 4.

If we can provide further information or assistance, please contact Erika Martin Seibert of the National Register staff at 202/354-2217. We appreciate your interest in the historic preservation programs of the National Park Service.

Sincerely,

Carol D. Shull

Carol D. Shull, Keeper
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Enclosure

cc: Utah/SHPO

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