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John,

Back in January, I initiated consultation (correspondence) with the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the North Butte Satellite site. In my correspondence (ADAMS Accession #ML070230071) I had enclosed the cover and conclusions pages of the July 1980 Archaeological Survey that was part of your March 2006 North Butte submittal. Based on the SHPO's response to me (letter from Joseph Daniele, Wyoming SHPO - attached), it appears that the Pumpkin Buttes are eligible for the National Historic Register of Historic Places as a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP). This designation occurred subsequent to the July 1980 survey. I called Joseph Daniele (Wyoming SHPO) last week and he indicated that their rule of thumb for archaeological surveys is no older than 15 years.

Based on the SHPO's response, it looks like North Butte site will need an updated Class III level Cultural Resource Survey. In addition, similar to the Gas Hills site in 2003, I'm looking into the necessity of developing a Programmatic Agreement to Ensure Compliance with National Historical Preservation Act and Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for the Management of Cultural Resources at the North Butte site.

Give me a call if you have any questions.

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Re: Initiation of Section 106 Process for the Power Resources, Inc. North Butte ISL
Satellite Project (SHPO File # 0207JRD003)

Dear Mr. Michalak:

Thank you for consulting with the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the above referenced project.

The Pumpkin Buttes are located on federal and non-federal (private) land in Campbell County, Wyoming and are eligible for the National Historic register of Historic Places as a Traditional Cultural Property. The designation as a TCP has occurred since the July 1980 Archaeological survey by the Office of the Wyoming State Archaeologist referenced in your letter dated 25 January 2007. The TCP designation should serve as a red flag to initiate Native American consultation for any undertakings that may occur in the area of Pumpkin Buttes. The Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office recommends the NRC initiate appropriate Native American consultation as well as consultation with the BLM Buffalo Field Office for resolution of possible land ownership clarification. Specific comments on the project's effect on cultural resource sites will be provided to the NRC when we review the rest of the cultural resource documentation called for in 36 CFR Part 800.

Please refer to SHPO project #0207JRD003 on any future correspondence regarding this project. If you have any questions, please contact Joseph Daniele, Archaeologist/Review and Federal Consultation at 307-777-8793.

Sincerely,



Joseph Daniele
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