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Mr. Gregory Suber
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re: Uranerz Energy Corporation, Nichols Ranch Uranium Recovery Project License
Request (Docket 040-09067) (SHPO File # 0708RLC009)

Dear Mr. Suber:

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

A search of our records shows that a cultural resource survey has not been conducted for the entire area of potential effect. Following 36 CFR Part 800, and prior to any ground disturbing activities, we recommend the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission carry out appropriate efforts necessary for identification of historic properties, which may include a file search, background research, consultation, consideration of visual effects, sample field investigations or field survey. The identification efforts must be conducted by a consultant meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards (48 FR 22716, Sept. 1983). A report detailing the results of these efforts must be provided to SHPO staff for our review and comment.

Also be aware that National Register of Historic Places eligible site 48CA268, the Pumpkin Buttes Traditional Cultural Property (TCP), is of interest to numerous Native American tribes. Consultation with the tribes regarding the effects of this project on this TCP, as well as any needed mitigation will be required.

We have enclosed a copy of a cultural resource consultants list for your use. Please refer to SHPO project control number #0708RLC009 on any future correspondence dealing with this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at 307-777-5497.

Sincerely,



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