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Ms. Lori Hunsaker
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Dear Ms. Hunsaker,

The United States Air Force (USAF) located at Hill Air Force Base (AFB) plans to conduct remediation activities including soil excavation and removal in the southeast corner of the Little Mountain Test Annex (LMTA). The work is to be undertaken on an already disturbed landfill in order to fulfill requirements to decommission the site in accordance with Nuclear Regulatory Commission guidance. The excavation footprint is approximately 100' x 150' with a maximum depth of 10 feet. The site will be backfilled, compacted, and site restoration completed once the contaminated soil is removed.

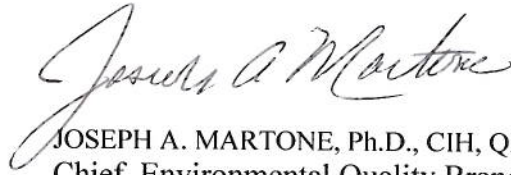
The proposed area of work on the LMTA has been surveyed according to the Secretary of Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation (Attachment 1). The survey (U-91-WC0687m) was completed in 1991. No cultural resources were discovered during the surveys and there are no known sites within the proposed project area.

Given the lack of previous findings, the potential for archaeological historic properties is extremely low; however, if any archaeological resources are found during construction, ground-disturbing activities in the immediate vicinity will cease, the Hill AFB Cultural Resources Program will be notified, and the unanticipated discovery of archaeological deposits procedures shall be implemented with direction from the Hill AFB Cultural Resources Program and in accordance with the Hill AFB Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan (Attachment 2).

Archaeological surveys, including Utah State Historic Site Forms have been completed for this area and are on file in your office.

In consideration of these facts, we request your concurrence with the determination of *no adverse effect* to cultural resources as specified in §36 CFR 800.4(c). Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact Ms. Anya Kitterman, Archaeologist, CEIE, at (801) 586-2464 or at anya.kitterman@us.af.mil.

Sincerely



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Attachments:

1. Area of Potential Effects for the EPU Proposed Location
2. Unanticipated Discovery of Archaeological Deposits

Distribution List:

Blackfeet Indian Tribe
Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Indian Reservation
Crow Tribe of Montana
Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
Eastern Shoshone Tribe
Ely Shoshone Tribe
Hopi Tribe
Navajo Nation
Northern Arapaho Tribe
Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation
Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah
Pueblo of Zuni
San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation
Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation
Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians
Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians
Ute Indian Tribe
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
Wells Band of Western Shoshone



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RE: Soil Excavation and Removal in the Southeast Corner of the Little Mountain Test Annex

For future correspondence, please reference Case No. 14-1279

Dear Ms. Kitterman:

The Utah State Historic Preservation Office received your request for our comment on the above-referenced undertaking.

We concur with your determinations of eligibility and effect for this undertaking.

This letter serves as our comment on the determinations you have made, within the consultation process specified in §36CFR800.4. If you have questions, please contact me at 801-245-7263 or Lori Hunsaker at 801-245-7241 lhunsaker@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

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