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Mr. Herman Honanie  
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Dear Chairman Honanie,

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 the Utah SHPO 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](mailto:anya.kitterman@us.af.mil).

Sincerely,

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for

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Attachments:

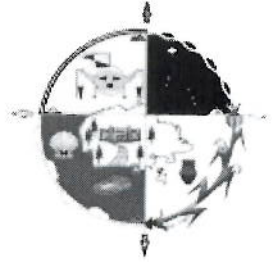
1. Area of Potential Effects for the EPU Proposed Location
2. Unanticipated Discovery of Archaeological Deposits

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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**Subject: LITTLE MOUNTAIN TEST FACILITY, WEBER COUNTY, UTAH**

Dear: Mr. Martone,

The Historic Preservation Department-Traditional Culture Program, hereafter (HPD-TCP) is in receipt of the letter notification for the proposed 3.0 acres for soil boring and contaminated soil excavation located at the Little Mountain Test Facility in Weber County, Utah.

After reviewing the information documents provided, HPD-TCP has concluded that this particular project proposal **will not have** adverse affects to Navajo Traditional Cultural Properties. HPD-TCP on behalf of the Navajo Nation has no concerns at this time.

If the proposed project inadvertently discovers habitation sites, plant gathering areas, human remains and objects of cultural patrimony the HPD-TCP request that we be notified respectively in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). *(The Navajo Nation claims cultural affiliation to all Anasazi people (periods from Archaic to Pueblo IV) of the southwest. The Navajo Nation makes this claim through Navajo oral history and ceremonial history, which has been documented as early as 1880 and taught from generation to generations).*

The HPD-TCP appreciates the Department of the Air Force's consultation efforts regarding this document. Should you have any additional concerns and/or questions do not hesitate to contact me electronically at [tony@navajohistoricpreservation.org](mailto:tony@navajohistoricpreservation.org) or telephone at 928-871-7750.

Sincerely,

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