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RE: International Uranium Corporation Reno Creek In-Situ Solution Mining Project;
SHPO #0893KLK075

Dear Mr. Stablein:

Thank you for your letter of December 21, 1998 updating us about the above referenced project. Our previous correspondence of August 26, 1993 and November 4, 1993 directed to the Bureau of Land Management provided our comments on site eligibility and project effect for those portions of the proposed project area that have been surveyed for cultural resources. Copies of the letters were previously sent to you along with our December 1, 1994 letter addressed to Daniel M. Gillen.

It is our understanding from the information provided in your letter, that additional cultural resource inventories will be conducted for those areas scheduled for disturbance that have not yet been previously surveyed, including Mine Units IV and V, a portion of Mine Unit III, and the irrigation pipeline corridor. We note that on your Enclosure 3, however, the map indicates the intended survey area for the irrigation pipeline corridor, but does not designate the intended survey areas for the Mine Units. This was somewhat confusing.

Until the additional cultural resource surveys are conducted, we have no further comments or information at this time regarding the effects of the planned mining project on historic properties. We do suggest that the environmental assessment for the proposed project discuss the efforts that have been made to conduct Native American consultation and the results of the cultural resource inventories to date. Although no sites considered eligible for the National Register have yet been identified in the project area, please ensure that no specific site location information is included in the document.

We look forward to receiving a copy of the environmental assessment and the reports for the additional cultural resource inventories. Thank you again for your continued attention to this project and for your efforts to ensure the proper protection and treatment of Wyoming's cultural heritage.

Sincerely,

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