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H JOHN DOBROVOLNY
U S FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
BISHOP HENRY WHIPPLE FEDERAL BUILDING
1 FEDERAL DRIVE
FT SNELLING MN 55111

RE: ER-T-644 Au Sable River – Grayling Mill Pond Dam Modification, sec. 7, T26N, R3W, Grayling Township, Crawford County (FWS)

Dear Mr. Dobrovolny:

Under the authority of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, we have reviewed the above-cited undertaking at the location noted above. Based on the information provided for our review, it is the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) that no historic properties are affected within the area of potential effects of this undertaking.

The views of the public are essential to informed decision making in the Section 106 process. Federal Agency Officials or their delegated authorities must plan to involve the public in a manner that reflects the nature and complexity of the undertaking, its effects on historic properties and other provisions per 36 CFR § 800.2(d). We remind you that Federal Agency Officials or their delegated authorities are required to consult with the appropriate Indian tribe and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) when the undertaking may occur on or affect any historic properties on tribal lands. **In all cases**, whether the project occurs on tribal lands or not, Federal Agency Officials or their delegated authorities are also required to make a reasonable and good faith effort to identify any Indian tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations that might attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties in the area of potential effects and invite them to be consulting parties per 36 CFR § 800.2(c-f).

This letter evidences the Fish and Wildlife Service's compliance with 36 CFR § 800.4 "Identification of historic properties", and the fulfillment of the Fish and Wildlife Service's responsibility to notify the SHPO, as a consulting party in the Section 106 process, under 36 CFR § 800.4(d)(1) "No historic properties affected".

The State Historic Preservation Office is not the office of record for this undertaking. You are therefore asked to maintain a copy of this letter with your environmental review record for this undertaking. If the scope of work changes in any way, or if artifacts or bones are discovered, please notify this office immediately.

If you have any questions, please contact Martha MacFarlane-Faes, Environmental Review Coordinator, at (517) 335-2721. **Please reference our project number in all communication with our office regarding this undertaking.** Thank you for this opportunity to review and comment, and for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Conway
State Historic Preservation Officer

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copy: Steven Sendek, MDNR Fisheries Division