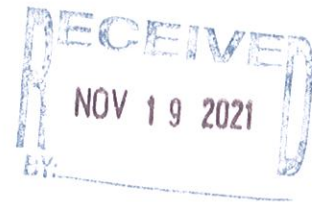


November 18, 2021

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SECTION 106 PROJECT CONSULTATION

Project: 211117001F – Rapid City Shooting Range Development – T4N, R8E, Sec 34; T3N, R8E, Sec 3

Location: Meade County
(USFWS/GFP)

Dear Mr. Larson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced project pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended), and the agreement titled *Programmatic Agreement By and Among the Department of Interior, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks, and the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer regarding United States Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Restoration Programs, Endangered Species Act Grant Program (and Other Small Grant Programs Administered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service)*. The South Dakota Office of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurs with your determination regarding the effect of the proposed undertakings on the non-renewable cultural resources of South Dakota.

On November 17, 2021, we received your letter dated November 15, 2021, and the report titled “A Class III Intensive Cultural Resources Survey for the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks Rapid City Firearms Range Complex, Meade County, South Dakota” by Matthew D. Busch of the Archaeological Research Center (CIS No. 3902). Mr. Busch’s report indicates that five archaeological sites were recorded during the survey efforts of the proposed shooting range property. Based upon the information provided, 39MD1025 should be considered Eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Additionally, 39MD1026, 39MD1027, 39MD1028, and 39MD1029 should be considered Not Eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Therefore, SHPO concurs with your determination of “No Historic Properties Affected” for the proposed undertaking, provided the following stipulations are met: 1) Eligible site 39MD1025 is avoided by all project activities, as indicated in your letter and in Mr. Busch’s report. 2) Future

development or construction at the shooting range, even that without federal funding, should avoid impacts to 39MD1025 and its immediate surrounding, as such future impacts to the site could be an adverse effect to the site which is reasonably foreseeable and later in time from the proposed current federal undertaking, as described in 36 C.F.R. § 800.5(a)(1). 3) All necessary gravel for the undertaking should come from an existing, commercial source, as indicated in your letter.

Changes in the location of project activities, such as the need to obtain any additional fill material necessary for the undertaking, or changes in the nature of project activities, such as construction activities being altered to be in close proximity to 39MD1025, will require the submission of additional documentation pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.4 and 36 C.F.R. § 800.11.

If historic properties are discovered or unanticipated effects on historic properties are found after the agency official has completed the Section 106 process, the agency official shall avoid, minimize or mitigate the adverse effects to such properties and notify the SHPO and Indian tribes that might attach religious and cultural significance to the affected property within 48 hours of the discovery, pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.13.

Concurrence of the SHPO does not relieve the federal agency official from consulting with other appropriate parties, as described in 36 C.F.R. § 800.2(c).

Should you require additional information, please contact Jenna Carlson Dietmeier at Jenna.CarlsonDietmeier@state.sd.us or at (605)773-8370. Your concern for the cultural heritage of our state is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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