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**NDSHPO REF.: 08-0516b RUS/ND-PSC Basin Electric  
Prairie Winds-ND1 Wind Energy Project, Ward County, North Dakota,  
Revised Class III CRI Report**

Dear Laura:

We have received and reviewed correspondence and reporting for: **08-0516b** "PrairieWinds - ND 1Project: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of a Proposed Wind Energy Farm in Ward County, North Dakota," by Blain Fandrich (Ethnoscience, June 2009) and find it acceptable.

We concur with a **"No Historic Properties Affected"** determination provided the project is of the nature stated, it takes place in the plotted location, and it avoids impacts to unevaluated sites as stipulated in the in the RUS documentation.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the project. If you have questions please contact either Paul Picha at (701) 328-3574 or Susan Quinnell at [squinnell@nd.gov](mailto:squinnell@nd.gov) or (701) 328-3576.

Sincerely,

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and  
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

c: Patrick Fahn, ND PSC, with enc.

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**Table 8.1 Site Recommendations**

Site No	Site Type	Site Components	NRHP Eligibility Recommendation	Site on Turbine Location	Site on access or line corridor
32WD1636	Prehistoric	1 ring	Undetermined		√
32WD1637	Historic	US Coast & Geodetic Survey Triangulation Station	Not Eligible	1	
32WD1638	Prehistoric	8 rings	Undetermined		√
32WD1639	Historic	School (2 features)	Not eligible		√
32WD1640	Historic	Cultural material scatter	Not eligible		√
32WD1641	Prehistoric	1 cairn	Undetermined	28	
32WD1642	Prehistoric	2 cairns	Undetermined	Alt	
32WD1643	Prehistoric	1 ring	Undetermined		√
32WD1644	Prehistoric	1 ring & 4 cairns	Undetermined		√
32WD1645	Prehistoric	11 stone features ( 2 cairns, 1 alignment, 1 arc and 7 rings)	Undetermined	Alt	
32WD1646	Prehistoric	2 rings & 1 arc	Undetermined	60	
32WD1647	Historic	Cultural material scatter	Not eligible	3	
32WD1648	Historic	Cultural material scatter	Not eligible		√
32WD1649	Prehistoric	1 cairn	Undetermined	41	
32WD1650	Prehistoric	1 ring	Undetermined	41	
32WD1651	Prehistoric	6 rings & 4 cairns	Undetermined	44	
32WD1652	Prehistoric	1 stone feature	Undetermined		√
32WD1653	Prehistoric	2 rings	Undetermined		√
32WD1654	Prehistoric	1 ring & 1 cairn	Undetermined		√
32WD1655	Prehistoric	1 ring	Undetermined		√
32WD1656	Historic	Cultural material scatter	Not eligible		√
32WD1657	Historic	Farmstead (7 features)	Not eligible		√

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**Table 8.1 Site Recommendations (Continued and completed)**

Site No.	Site Type	Site Components	NRHP Eligibility Recommendation	Site on Turbine Location	Site on access or line corridor
32WD1658	Historic & Prehistoric	Historic component (21 features); Prehistoric component (1 feature)	Historic component not eligible, Prehistoric component undetermined		√
32WD1659	Prehistoric	1 depression	Undetermined	26	
32WD1660	Historic	Cultural material scatter	Not eligible	75	
32WD1661	Historic	Farmstead (11 features)	Not eligible		√
32WD1662	Historic	Cultural material scatter	Not eligible	20	
32WD1663	Historic	Cultural material scatter	Not eligible	17	
32WD1664	Prehistoric	1 ring	Undetermined		√
32WD1665	Prehistoric	1 ring	Undetermined		√
32WD1666	Prehistoric	1 cairn	Undetermined	26	
32WDX726	Isolated find	One Knife River flint flake	Not eligible		√
32WDX727	Isolated find	One biface mid-section made from Knife River flint	Not eligible		√
32WDX728	Isolated find	One side scraper made from Knife River flint	Not eligible		√