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**NDSHPO REF. : 08-1277b PSC Mergent/Whiting Robinson Lake Pipeline
Class I CRI and Identification Efforts: Class III CRI Report**

Dear Peggy and Suzanne:

We have received and reviewed project correspondence and documentation for **08-1277b**: "Robinson Lake: A Class III Intensive Inventory for a Proposed Pipeline Corridor in Mountrail County, North Dakota," (Ed Stine and Aaron Barth, MAC, December 2008) and find it acceptable. We concur with the scope and level of identification efforts for the project. The management recommendations regarding site avoidance strategies for unevaluated-undetermined sites are acceptable as specified in the text (pp. 36-38) and as listed in Table 1. We concur that the six (6) isolated finds listed in Table 1 are not significant and are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Likewise, we concur that the seven (7) historic sites/components described and listed in Table 1 are not significant and are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. We concur with "**No Historic Properties Affected**" and "**No Significant Sites Affected**" determinations provided the project is of the nature stated and takes place in the location described and plotted in the project documentation.

Thank you and we look forward to further consultation and to further review of outstanding documents for the project regarding the corridor placement at the north end Stanley Station. If you have questions please contact either Paul Picha at (701) 328-3574 or Susan Quinnell at (701) 328-3576.

Sincerely,

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and

Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

✓ c: Susan E. Wefald, President, Commissioner, PSC with Table 1 enc.

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Table 1: Robinson Lake Survey			
Site #	Description/# of Features	NR Eligibility Recommendation	Treatment Recommendation
32MN759	Road bed/1	No	No avoidance
32MN760	Historic/4	No	Avoid , Feature 2 possible grave
32MN761	Historic/2	No	No avoidance
32MN762	Pre-contact/5 and Historic/7	Undetermined	Avoid, fence during construction
32MN763	Pre-contact Stone Circle/1	Undetermined	Avoid, fence during construction
32MN764	Pre-contact Stone Circles/3	Undetermined	Avoid, reroute surveyed
32MN765	Pre-contact Stone Circles/2	Undetermined	Avoid
32MN766	Historic Foundations/7	No	Avoid, Feature 2 possible grave
32MN767	Pre-contact Stone Circle/1	Undetermined	Avoid
32MN768	Pre-contact Stone Circle/1	Undetermined	Avoid
32MN769	Pre-contact Cairn/1	Undetermined	Avoid
32MN770	Pre-contact Stone Circle/1	Undetermined	Avoid
32MN771	Pre-contact Cairn/1	Undetermined	Avoid
32MN772	Pre-contact Stone Circles/4	Undetermined	Avoid
32MN773	Pre-contact Cairn/1	Undetermined	Avoid
32MN774	Historic Foundation/3	No	No avoidance
32MN775	Architectural Corral/1	No	No avoidance
32MN460	Pre-contact Stone Circles/4	Undetermined	Avoid
32MN461	Pre-contact Stone Circles/12	Undetermined	Avoid

Table 1: Robinson Lake Survey Sites			
Site #	Description/# of Features	NR Eligibility Recommendation	Treatment Recommendation
32MNx12	Pre-contact isolate	No	No avoidance
32MNx385	Pre-contact isolate	No	No avoidance
32MNx459	Pre-contact isolate	No	No avoidance
32MNx541	Pre-contact isolate	No	No avoidance
32MNx543	Pre-contact isolate	No	No avoidance
32MNx544	Pre-contact isolate	No	No avoidance

There is always the potential during construction to encounter previously unknown cultural resources or human remains. In the event an unanticipated discovery is encountered, we recommend the following measures to minimize the potential impacts.

- Construction crews should stop work in the vicinity (100 ft in all directions from discovery) and notify the consulting archaeologist who will investigate the discovery and notify the Chief Archaeologist at North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office (NDSHPO). If the discovery consists of human remains NDSHPO will notify the North Dakota State Health Department, law enforcement and Tribal Representatives.
- Work will be prohibited in the vicinity of the unanticipated discovery until all appropriate contacts, consultation, evaluations, dispositions, treatments and authorizations have been obtained.