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**ND SHPO REF: 09-0923 PSC/Hawthorn Oil Transportation Proposed Oil Pipeline Project in [T156N R91W Sections 10-11; 13-15; 22-28; 34-36] Mountrail County, North Dakota**

Dear Mr. Sabatke,

We received ND SHPO REF: 09-0923 PSC/Hawthorn Oil Transportation Proposed Oil Pipeline Project in [T156N R91W Sections 10-11; 13-15; 22-28; 34-36] Mountrail County, North Dakota. There is potential for recorded and unrecorded properties in a variety of physiographic settings in the overall study area. We recommend that a Class I CRI (file and records search) be prepared covering the project area and that it be submitted for review.

Further, we encourage and recommend a Class III CRI (pedestrian survey\_ of the Area of Potential Effect (APE), including pipeline locations, any access roads, and other ancillary facilities. Further, if the project requires permits issued by a federal agency(ies), they are to be consulted regarding their recommendations on the project. Thank you for the opportunity to review the preliminary data provided on this project, and we look forward to reviewing documents prepared for the project and to further consultation on it.

If you have any questions please contact Susan Quinnell, Review and Compliance Coordinator at (701)328-3576, [squinnell@nd.gov](mailto:squinnell@nd.gov) or Paul Picha at (701) 328-3574.

Sincerely,

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and  
Director  
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**Letter Recommending Class I & Class III Studies**

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