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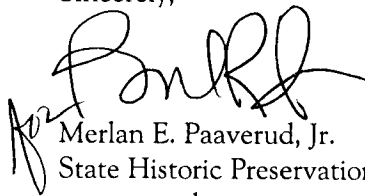
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NDSHPO REF.: 10-0484 PSC 200 Megawatt (MW) Ashley Wind Energy Project (Wind Farm), McIntosh County

Dear Ms. Roberts:

We have received and reviewed: 10-0484 PSC 200 Megawatt (200 MW) Ashley Wind Energy Project [Wind Farm], McIntosh County," correspondence of January 8. There is potential for unrecorded and recorded properties in a variety of physiographic settings in the overall study area near Ashley, McIntosh County. *If the project requires permits issued by a federal and/or state agency (e.g., COE, USFWS, Reclamation, RUS, ND PSC) then the respective agency(ies) are to be consulted regarding their recommendations on the project. As a potential federal undertaking, we encourage agency consultation as part of the Environmental Assessment process.* At this point, we recommend and encourage that a Class I Cultural Resources Inventory (file and records search) be prepared and submitted for review to the appropriate agencies (e.g., NDSHPO/SHSND, ND PSC, federal agency), as delineated from the map coverage you provided. Follow-up cultural resource investigations (i.e., Class III Cultural Resource Inventory) will be determined and based on Class I document review, agency consultation, and as project particulars (e.g., turbine siting locations, electrical collection lines, access roads, ancillary facilities, lay-down areas) are identified in the overall project design and layout. Thank you for the opportunity to review the project, and we look forward to further consultation on it. If you have questions please contact either Susan Quinnell at squinnell@nd.gov or (701) 328-3576 or Paul Picha at ppicha@nd.gov or (701) 328-3574. Please include the NDSHPO REF.: 10-0484 in correspondence regarding the project.

Sincerely,

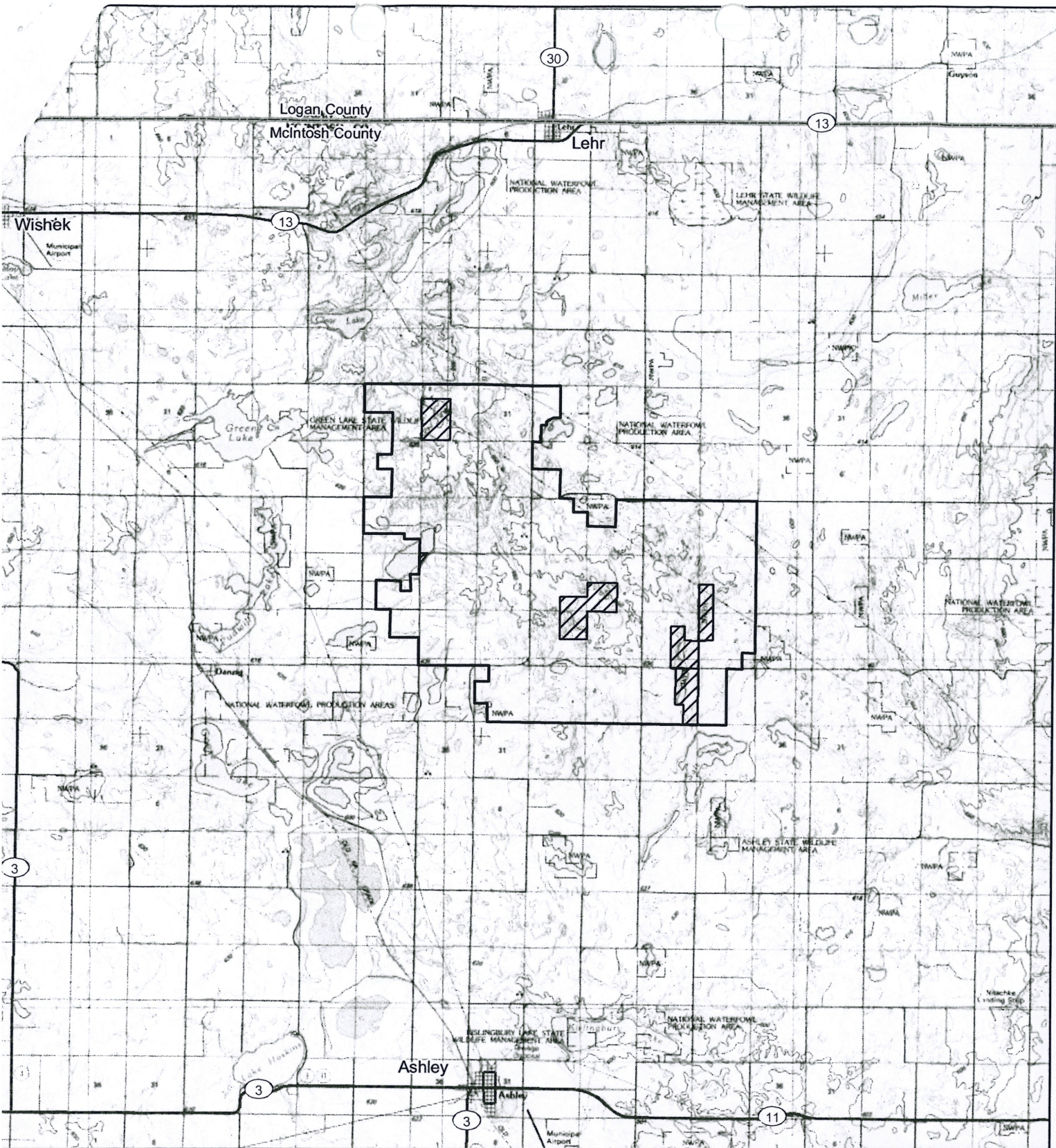


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Letter Recommending Class I Cultural Resources Inventory

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✓: Patrick Fahn, North Dakota Public Service Commission, with map enc.
c: Daniel E. Cimarosti, COE-Bismarck Regulatory, with map enc.

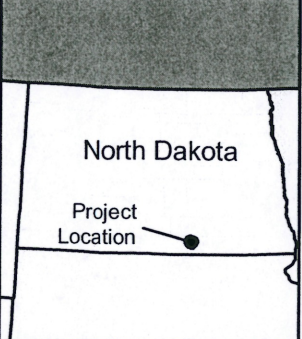


Project Area Map

Ashley Wind Energy Project
McIntosh County, North Dakota



-  Project Area
-  Non-Leased Area



Source: USGS 24k Quads, 1985.

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