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NDSHPO REF.: 11-0238 PSC/BLM Bartlett & West BakkenLink Pipeline, North Dakota: Interim Cultural Resources Class II and Class III Inventory Report

Dear Kimball:

We have reviewed correspondence and project documentation for: **11-0238 PSC/BLM Bartlett & West BakkenLink Pipeline, North Dakota: Interim Cultural Resources Class II and Class III Inventory Report: "BakkenLink Pipeline Class II and Class III Cultural Resource Inventory in Billings, Stark, Dunn, McKenzie, and Williams County, North Dakota: Interim Report,"** by Andrea Kulevsky and Ed Stine (MAC, November 2011). The interim report summarizes project findings and provides recommendations to date. As indicated, outstanding portions need to be treated and reported: previously unsurveyed tracts ([ca. 8.25 miles, Table 3]) or proposed route alternatives for site avoidance (Table 5). The interim report recommendations are satisfactory, and as of this point, where unevaluated and eligible sites are/will be avoided from impact. The final report needs to contain SITS site designations, after submittal and review of all accompanying NDCRS site forms generated, for the project. Lastly, consultation with BLM, as lead federal agency, and review will occur in tandem with PSC state-oversight and review with respect to cultural resources. Concurrence on overall project findings of effect will be presented at that time. Thank you for the opportunity to review this interim project report and we look forward to reviewing additional documentation and reporting for outstanding portions of the project. If you have questions please contact either Paul Picha at ppicha@nd.gov or (701) 328-3574 or Susan Quinnell at squinnell@nd.gov or (701) 328-3576.

Sincerely,

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and

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