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NDSHPO REF.: 11-0446B PSC Rangeland Energy COLT Connector Pipeline,  
Williams County, North Dakota  
"Addendum to the Class I and Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the  
Rangeland Pipeline COLT Connector Pipeline, Williams County, North Dakota"

Dear Ms. Cooper:

We reviewed "Addendum to the Class I and Class III Cultural Resource Inventory  
of the Rangeland Pipeline COLT Connector Pipeline, Williams County, North  
Dakota," and find it acceptable.

We concur with "No Significant Sites Affected" and "No Historic Properties  
Affected" determinations provided the project is of the nature stated, it takes place  
in the plotted and mapped location, and that the list of sites on the attached page  
are avoided from impacts as recommended (p. 76) in the report.

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

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and  
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**Table 1. Summary of Resources with NRHP and Management Recommendations.**

| Site Number             | Site Type                                       | Cultural Affiliation    | NRHP Recommendation        | Management Recommendation            |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 32WI99                  | Previously Recorded Stone Circle, Cairn         | Unknown Prehistoric     | Unevaluated                | Avoid                                |
| 32WI106                 | Previously Recorded Stone Circle                | Unknown Prehistoric     | Unevaluated                | Avoid                                |
| 32WI107                 | Previously Recorded Stone Circle, Cairn         | Unknown Prehistoric     | Unevaluated                | Avoid                                |
| 32WI1007 Segments A & B | Previously Recorded Railroad                    | Historic (1887-Present) | Eligible, Non-Contributing | No Further Work                      |
| 32WI1162                | Newly Recorded Stone Circle, Other Rock Feature | Unknown Prehistoric     | Unevaluated                | Avoid                                |
| 32WI1163                | Newly Recorded Stone Circle                     | Unknown Prehistoric     | Unevaluated                | Avoid, Neck-down, Fence, and Monitor |
| 32WI1164                | Newly Recorded Cairn                            | Unknown                 | Unevaluated                | Avoid                                |
| 32WI1165                | Newly Recorded Cairn                            | Unknown                 | Unevaluated                | Avoid                                |
| 32WI1166                | Newly Recorded Stone Circle                     | Unknown Prehistoric     | Unevaluated                | Avoid                                |
| 32WI1167                | Newly Recorded Stone Circle, Cairn              | Unknown Prehistoric     | Unevaluated                | Avoid                                |
| 32WI1168                | Newly Recorded Cairn                            | Unknown                 | Unevaluated                | Avoid, Neck-down, Fence, and Monitor |
| 32WI1169                | Newly Recorded Stone Circle                     | Unknown Prehistoric     | Unevaluated                | Avoid                                |
| 32WIX568                | Newly Recorded Isolated Chipped Stone           | Unknown Prehistoric     | Not Eligible               | No Further Work                      |

Regarding their eligibility for nomination to the NRHP both segments of the historic railroad site (32WI1007) are recommended as non-contributing portions of an eligible site and no further work is recommended. The isolated find (32WIX568) was recommended not eligible for nomination to the NRHP and no further work is recommended. The remaining eleven resources have been left unevaluated regarding their NRHP eligibility pending further work; avoidance is recommended for each site. Of these, two sites (32WI1163 and 32WI1168) are less than 50 feet from the edge of the 100-foot-wide construction ROW. For both sites, SWCA recommends that the pipeline construction ROW be necked-down to the width of the 50-foot-wide permanent ROW for a linear distance of 300 feet (centered on the sites) so that all construction activities and vehicle traffic remain at least 50 feet from the site boundaries. SWCA further recommends fencing the edge of the necked-down construction ROW to