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ND SHPO REF: 11-0925 Class II (Reconnaissance) architectural survey for Bison 2 Wind Energy Project in Morton and Oliver Counties, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Flo,

We reviewed a project APE map submitted by Beaver Creek Archaeology regarding the Class II (reconnaissance) survey mentioned in my previous letter regarding ND SHPO REF: 11-0925 Bison 2 Wind Energy Project in Morton and Oliver Counties, North Dakota. This letter addresses the suggested sites to visit and record and the manner to report for visual effect surveys in North Dakota. I returned the map to Beaver Creek Archaeology with surveyed areas outlined in yellow. The method of survey for an architectural Class II reconnaissance effort is to simply drive by the farmsteads and snap a photo from the road of any structures that appear to be 50 years of age or older. If there are too many trees to photograph from the road, then the surveyor should note that and drive to the next location. If a site appears to have merit as an architecturally significant site, then a site form should be completed. There are two bridge site forms 32MO387 and 32MO380 that should have a site form update. A list of the quarter sections containing sites to visit is attached. All portions of the Class I, II and III surveys will need to be completed before ND SHPO can give a concurrence.

If the project requires permits issued by a federal and/or state agency (e.g., WAPA, RUS, COE, USFWS, BOR, PSC) then the respective agencies are to be consulted regarding their recommendations on the project. As a potential federal undertaking, we encourage agency consultation as part of the review process. Consultation should also include tribal nations, North Dakota Indian Affairs, ND DOT regarding any Scenic Byways, and managers or owners of properties maintained for recreational or scenic value. We encourage that tribal monitors be invited to survey the APE. As part of the Class III Inventory, NDCRS site updates should be submitted on all sites resurveyed.

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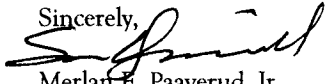
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Thank you for the opportunity to review this project to date. We look forward to further review of cultural resource surveys and site forms. If you have any questions please contact Paul Picha, Chief Archaeologist (701) 328-3574 or Susan Quinnell, Review and Compliance Coordinator at (701) 328-3576, e-mail squinnell@nd.gov

Sincerely,



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List of quarter sections containing architectural features to be Class II (reconnaissance) surveyed

| Township | Range | Section | Quarter |
|----------|-------|---------|---------|
| 141 | 85 | 17 | SW |
| 141 | 85 | 18 | SE |
| 141 | 85 | 20 | NE |
| 141 | 85 | 30 | SW |
| 141 | 85 | 33 | NW |

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| 141 | 86 | 24 | NW |
| 141 | 86 | 25 | NE |
| 141 | 86 | 34 | NW |

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| 140 | 86 | 4 | NE, NW |
| 140 | 86 | 7 | SE |
| 140 | 86 | 8 | NE |
| 140 | 86 | 9 | SW |
| 140 | 86 | 20 | NE, SE, SW |
| 140 | 86 | 30 | SE |

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| 140 | 87 | 1 | SW |
| 140 | 87 | 12 | NW, SE |
| 140 | 87 | 15 | SW |
| 140 | 87 | 22 | NE |

Also Bridge 32MO0387 Site form Update

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| 140 | 87 | 23 | SW |
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Also Bridge 32MO0380 Site Form Update

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|-----|----|----|----|
| 140 | 87 | 24 | NE |
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| 140 | 87 | 26 | SE, SW |
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