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ND SHPO REF.: 11-1786 PSC Bear Paw Energy "A Class I and Class III Cultural Resources Inventory of the Bear Paw Energy Natural Gas Liquids Garden Creek Pipeline, Private Lands, McKenzie County, North Dakota"

Dear Ms. Cooper,

We reviewed ND SHPO REF.: 11-1786 PSC Bear Paw Energy "A Class I and Class III Cultural Resources Inventory of the Bear Paw Energy Natural Gas Liquids Garden Creek Pipeline, Private Lands, McKenzie County, North Dakota." We find the SWCA report acceptable. We concur with "No Historic Properties Affected" and "No Significant Sites" determinations, provided the project follows remains as described and mapped in your report, and provided sites 23MZ2201 and 32MZ2204 are avoided by re-routing the pipeline and necked down the corridor to achieve at least 50 feet of avoidance. Also site 32MZ937 is recommended as eligible for listing in the NRHP. Fence the edge of the site and have an archaeologist monitor the area when construction is near.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions please contact Susan Quinnell at (701)328-3576 or squinnell@nd.gov

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
And Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

C: Patrick Fahn, PSC