

Appendix C

Consultations

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RE: Addendum to a Class I and Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Plains All-American Pipeline Nelson Takeoff to Ross Pipeline, Mountrail County, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Picha:

Enclosed is a copy of a report entitled *Addendum to A Class I and Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Plains All-American Pipeline Nelson Takeoff to Ross Pipeline, Mountrail County, North Dakota*. This report documents the cultural resource inventory of the Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. (PAA) Nelson Takeoff to Ross Pipeline reroutes. SWCA Environmental Consultants (SWCA) performed the inventory as part of PAA's permit application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission, which serves as the lead agency.

During the project, seven cultural resources were newly recorded:

- 32MN925: Stone circles
- 32MN926: Cairn
- 32MN927: Historic dump and farm equipment scatter
- 32MN928: Farmstead
- 32MN929: Cairns
- 32MNX866: Clear bottle glass -isolated find
- 32MNX867: Five ceramic insulators -isolated find

One previously recorded site was re-identified and revisited for the project:

- 32MN83: Historic railroad segment


Of the resources documented as part of this project, one site (32MN927) and two isolated finds (32MNX866 and 32MNX867) are recommended not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Three sites (32MN925, 32MN926, and 32MN929) have been left unevaluated regarding their NRHP eligibility pending further work. Avoidance of 50 feet from each site boundary is recommended. As proposed, the current project 70-foot-wide temporary construction right-of-way would avoid these site buffers. These sites are considered adequately avoided. One site (32MN928) is recommended eligible for listing on the NRHP under Criterion C. SWCA recommends avoidance of at least 50 feet from the edge of the site boundary; the temporary construction right-of-way would also avoid this site buffer. Previously recorded site 32MN83 is recommended eligible for listing on the NRHP under Criterion A; however, this

newly recorded segment is recommended as a non-contributing portion of the larger resource because of impacts to its physical and historic integrity. PAA plans to avoid 32MN83 by boring underneath the site, resulting in no impacts to the site.

With the above stipulations, it is recommended that a determination of *No Historic Properties Affected* and *No Significant Sites Affected* be granted for the project to proceed as planned.

Please notify SWCA of the results of your review at the address listed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judith R. Cooper", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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