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**ND SHPO REF: 13-0633 PSC PU-13-64 Geronimo Wind Energy, Courtenay Wind Farm, LLC, 200.5 MW Wind Energy Conversion Facility 58 – 120 turbines Stutsman County, North Dakota**

Calvin Grinnell  
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Dear Mr. Sather,

A. Ruric Todd III  
*Jamestown- Secretary*

We reviewed your very preliminary information on ND SHPO REF: 13-0633 PSC PU-13-64 Geronimo Wind Energy, Courtenay Wind Farm, LLC, 200.5 MW Wind Energy Conversion Facility Stutsman County, North Dakota. There is potential for unrecorded and recorded cultural resource properties in a variety of physiographic settings in the overall project area. 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 early agency consultation as part of the review process. Early 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.

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We recommend a Class II (reconnaissance) survey by a permitted architectural historian for standing structures in the visual Area of Potential Effect (APE), and Class III survey of those found to be fifty years of age or older by a permitted architectural historian. Class III (pedestrian) surveys will be warranted for all areas directly impacted by the project, including crane paths, access roads, transmissions lines and turbine pads. We encourage you to invite tribal monitors to survey the APE. As part of the Class III Inventory, NDCRS site updates should be submitted on all sites resurveyed. If the project APE changes, we will request additional Class I (Cultural Resource Literature Search) inventories and consultation.

Kelly Schmidt  
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*Secretary of State*

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project to date. We look forward to further review of cultural resource surveys and site forms, and updates as the project siting occurs. 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](mailto:squinnell@nd.gov)

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Sincerely,

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