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**NDSHPO Ref.: 16-1273b PSC Caliber Midstream Bear Den Pipeline and Impact
Analysis and Evaluation of 32MZ3061
PSC: PU-16-420**

Dear Jim:

We have reviewed the memo and other submitted supporting documentation with respect to field visit, impact analysis, and significance evaluation of 32MZ3061. The submitted documentation, including photographic/written materials and interview with landowner, supports the interpretation that the location was a twentieth-century fieldstone clearing pile rather than a rock cairn feature. No evidence of artifacts, subsurface deposits or features was recorded. As discussed on page 10 of the NDCRS Archeological Site Form manual at: <http://www.history.nd.gov/hp/PDFinfo/NDCRS%20Archeological%20Manual.pdf> **Defined Non-Sites and Property Types Requiring No Formal Documentation:** The following defined non-sites and property types do not require formal documentation on NDCRS site forms. If they are encountered discuss them in the project report: 13) Modern field clearing rock piles consisting of large rocks and boulders. However, stone johnnys/rock cairns or towers without mortar such as butte markers, water markers, sheepherder's monuments, other monuments, etc. must be recorded.

We concur that the locus recorded as 32MZ3061 is not significant and is not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. We look forward to receiving the final document(s) and updated NDCRS site form covering the investigations undertaken and to further consultation and on this project. If you have questions, please contact either Paul Picha at (701) 328-3574 or ppicha@nd.gov or Susan Quinnell at (701) 328-3576 or squinnell@nd.gov.

Sincerely,

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