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Mr. Adam Russell  
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Dakota Prairie Grasslands  
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1905 Main Street South  
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**ND SHPO Ref: 18-1105 USFS and ND PSC "Demicks Lake Pipeline: A Class III Cultural Resource Survey in McKenzie County, North Dakota"**

Dear Mr. Russell,

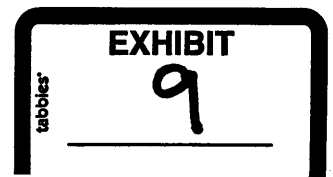
We reviewed ND SHPO Ref: 18-1105 USFS and ND PSC "Demicks Lake Pipeline: A Class III Cultural Resource Survey in McKenzie County, North Dakota," and find this Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Inc. report dated February 2019 acceptable. We concur with a "No Historic Properties Affected," and "No Significant Sites Affected" determination for project to date, provided the project remains as mapped and described in the Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Inc. report. Sites to avoid or monitor and mitigate include 32MZ449, 32MZ767, 32MZ1562, 32MZ2445, 32MZ2888, 32MZ2943, 32MZ3199, 32MZ3204, 32MZ3206, 32MZ3208, 32MZ3221, 32MZ3229, 32MZ3230, 32MZ3231, 32MZ3232, 32MZ3233, 32MZ3238, 32MZ3240, 32MZ3241, 32MZ3246, 32MZ3247, 32MZ3250, 32MZ3267, and 32MZx1702.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project to date. We look forward to further consultation when survey is complete. Please include the ND SHPO reference number listed above in any further correspondence for this specific project. If you have any questions, contact Paul Picha, Chief Archaeologist at (701)-328-3574 or Susan Quinnell, R & C Coordinator at (701) 328-3576 or squinnell@nd.gov.

Sincerely,

  
Claudia J. Berg  
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

C: Damita Engel, MAC, Bismarck



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Exhibit 9 - Letter from North Dakota SHPO dated  
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