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**ND SHPO Ref.: 24-0135 23-MT030-038 Basin Electric Cooperative Round Up to Kummer Ridge in portions of Dunn and McKenzie Counties, North Dakota**

Dear Edward,

We have reviewed the reports for project ND SHPO Ref.: 23-0135 titled “A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Basin Electric Power Cooperative Proposed Round Up to Kummer Ridge Laydown Yard in McKenzie County, North Dakota” from Metcalf Archaeological Consultants by Scott Tooker and “Basin Electric Power Cooperative: A Class III Cultural Resources Inventory of the Additional Survey for the Roundup to Kummer Ridge Project in Dunn and McKenzie Counties, North Dakota” from Metcalf Archaeological Consultants by J. Signe Snortland. We find the reports acceptable and will add them to our manuscript collection.

We concur with a determination of “No Adverse Effect” for the project, provided the Cultural Resources Plan submitted in February 2024 is followed, with the following stipulations:

- 32DU1253: Trees are cut as close to the ground as possible, subsurface stumps are left in place, and no power poles are placed within the site. In addition, monitoring of the pole installation adjacent to the site boundary to the north and south of the site.
- 32DUX1429: Features are avoided during tree removal, trees are cut as close to the ground as possible, and subsurface stumps are left in place. In addition, power poles are placed outside the site boundary.
- 32DU2306: Avoidance of the site as described in your March 21, 2024 letter.
- 32DU2537: Avoidance of the site as described in your March 21, 2024 letter.

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. Please include the ND SHPO Ref number in future correspondence for this project. If you have any questions please contact Margaret Patton, Research Archaeologist at 701-328-3576 or [mmpatton@nd.gov](mailto:mmpatton@nd.gov).

Sincerely,

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