



March 18, 2009

Ms. Catherine Glidden
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20043-0001

RE: A LEVEL III CULTURAL RESOURCES EVALUATION OF THE PROPOSED DAKOTA, MINNESOTA, & EASTERN RAILROAD CORPORATION'S POWDER RIVER BASIN EXPANSION PROJECT CORRIDOR, PRC SEGMENT 2, HAAKON AND STANLEY COUNTIES, SOUTH DAKOTA (SD3b)

Dear Ms. Glidden:

An initial draft archaeological resources inventory of the Powder River Basin Expansion Project, PRC Segment 2 in Haakon and Stanley Counties, South Dakota, is now available for your review. The report was prepared by the Archaeology Laboratory at Augustana College (ALAC) under contract to HDR Engineering, Inc (HDR). Archaeological resources in the DM&E right-of-way through this same segment were inventoried by Burns and McDonnell and documented in their inventory report (SD3). This ALAC report considers areas outside of the current right-of-way limits that may be taken by the DM&E during reconstruction of the segment. These areas include, but are not limited to, expanded alignment and borrow and spoil locations. This is the fifth and final PRC report for fieldwork completed to date. You have reviewed the four other PRC reports and we understand they are currently under review per the requirements of the Programmatic Agreement (PA).

As discussed previously, the report has been converted into two PDF files to facilitate the STB review. The files have been uploaded to HDR's FTP Public Site (<ftp://ftp.hdrinc.com>). You will be prompted to enter a username [REDACTED] and a password [REDACTED] before downloading the report files.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if I can assist in your review of the report. Please provide comments on the report at your earliest convenience to Alan Stanfill (Alan.Stanfill@hdrinc.com) using the comment log provided on the FTP Public Site. We look forward to your comments.

Sincerely,

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