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Ms. Mary Hopkins
Wyoming State Historic Preservation Officer
2301 Central Avenue, Barrett Building, 3rd Floor
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Re: Lake Cell Communications Data Cable

Dear Ms. Hopkins:

Yellowstone National Park proposes to bury approximately .45 miles of 4-inch conduit containing telecommunications cabling in and near the Lake government and housing area in the central part of the park. The data cable is needed to provide high speed circuits for transmitting and receiving data for the proposed Lake cell tower. The park previously consulted with you regarding the proposed Lake cell tower, and that correspondence is attached. The cable will be buried to a depth of approximately 48 inches and will be installed by a vibrating plow and/or backhoe. The installation is an undertaking per 36 CFR 800.

The cable will be installed from the proposed cell tower location and run to the south along an existing service road and will continue into the west side of the Lake government and housing area, terminating in an existing telecommunications facility (see attached map). The entire Lake developed area has been previously surveyed for archeological resources due to previous construction projects and recent comprehensive planning efforts. The recent comprehensive planning efforts resulted in development of the "*Lake Developed Area Cultural Resources Planning Document, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming*" (2011, Livers *et. al.*). A copy of this document is attached and provides a summary of previous archeological inventory and evaluation efforts in the Lake developed area. We have also attached a map showing the comprehensive planning boundary (the extent of previous inventory and evaluation efforts), the location of the cable installation route, and the nearest archeological sites. No archeological resources will be affected by the cable installation.

Given the project location and the absence of any archeological resources, the park has determined that no historic properties will be affected by the installation of the telecommunications cabling; we request your concurrence with this determination. If you have

any questions regarding this project, please contact Tobin Roop, Chief of Cultural Resources, at (307) 344-2224, or Bret DeYoung, Chief of Telecommunications, at (307) 344-2070.

Sincerely,

Daniel N. Wenk
Superintendent

Concur: _____
Mary Hopkins

Date: _____

Enclosures:

Previous correspondence between Yellowstone National Park and WYSHPO re: Proposed Lake cell tower

“Lake Developed Area Cultural Resources Planning Document, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming” (2011, Livers *et. al.*)

Map – Project Location, Existing Archeological Resources, and Inventory Boundary

bcc: (w/o enclosures)

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