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Daniel N. Wenk, Superintendent  
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re: Northwestern Energy, Electrical Transmission/Distribution System Communication and Automation Plan EA (SHPO File # 1213RLC001)

Dear Mr. Wenk:

Thank you for consulting with the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the above referenced undertaking. We have reviewed the associated report and, unfortunately, find the documentation does not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Archaeology and Historic Preservation (48 FR 44716-42) nor the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office Format, Guidelines, and Standards for Class II and Class III Reports (Report Standards).

The documentation submitted to our office consists of two parts. One, an "Archeological Inventory", and the second and Appendix to the Environmental Assessment addressing "Visibility of Proposed NorthWestern Energy Electrical System Improvements form Adjacent Historic Districts". Please note that the Report Standards (Stipulation X) require that all resource descriptions, photos, National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility determinations, effect determinations and recommendations be included in the Class II or III Report. Dividing this documentation between a National Historic Preservation Act document and a National Environmental Protection Act document is not acceptable.

We will comment on NRHP eligibilities and project effects when we have received documentation which meets the Report Standards.

Please refer to SHPO project #1201RLC001 on any future correspondence regarding this undertaking. If you have any questions, please contact Richard L. Currit, Senior Archaeologist at 307-777-5497 or myself at 307-777-6311.

Sincerely,



Mary Hopkins  
State Historic Preservation Officer



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