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Superintendent's Office  
Yellowstone National Park

Mr. Daniel Wenk, Superintendent  
National Park Service  
P.O. Box 168  
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Wyoming 82190

Re: Electric Transmission/Distribution System Communication and Automation Plan  
NorthWestern Energy  
Yellowstone National Park

Dear Mr. Wenk:

Thank you for the letter (received January 10, 2014) and revised documentation regarding the proposed upgrades of NorthWestern Energy's (NWE) existing electrical service and infrastructure within and adjacent to Yellowstone National Park (YNP). As mentioned in our December 2, 2013 letter, we defer to the evaluation and recommendations of the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (WY SHPO) for the upgrades of the existing electrical substations located at Mammoth, Norris, Canyon, Lake, Grant Village, Madison, and Old Faithful.

We have yet to receive the Gallatin National Forest's (GNF) completed cultural resource inventory report for the Buffalo Mountain repeater site. We need to review the GNF's report before concurring with any determinations of effect to historic properties.

If you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me at (406) 444-0388 or [kore@mt.gov](mailto:kore@mt.gov). Thank you for consulting with us.

Sincerely,



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