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Superintendent's Office
Yellowstone National Park

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

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

Dear Mr. Wenk:

We received and responded to the Gallatin National Forest's (GNF) completed cultural resource inventory report for the Buffalo Mountain site in NorthWestern Energy's proposed Electric Transmission/Distribution System Communication and Automation Plan. Based on the GNF's report, we concur with the determination that no historic properties will be affected by the 60-ft proposed communication system tower at Buffalo Mountain. Please note that our concurrence does not apply to the upgrades of existing electrical substations located at Mammoth, Norris, Canyon, Lake, Grant Village, Madison, and Old Faithful. We defer to the evaluation and recommendation of the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office for the Section 106 review of those sites.

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

Sincerely,

Kathryn Ore
Review and Compliance Officer
Montana State Historic Preservation Office

Cc: Mary Hopkins, Wyoming State Historic Preservation Officer