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Wade Vagias, Acting Superintendent
Attention: Kim Hyatt, Cultural Resources Program Manager
National Park Service, Bryce Canyon National Park
Highway 63, #1 Park Road
P.O. Box 640201
Bryce, Utah 84764-0201

Re: Multimodal Long Range Transportation Plan

Dear Acting Superintendent Vagias,

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated January 23, 2015, with an enclosed draft Programmatic Agreement for a Multimodal Long Range Transportation Plan for Bryce Canyon National Park. The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to earlier identifiable cultural groups in Utah. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of our ancestral sites and Traditional Cultural Properties, and we consider the archaeological sites of our ancestors to be "footprints" and Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we appreciate Bryce Canyon National Park's continuing solicitation our input and efforts to address our concerns.

In the enclosed letters dated November 4, 2011, and November 5, 2013, the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office stated we request consultation any proposal that may adversely affect prehistoric cultural resources in Bryce Canyon National Park, and therefore if prehistoric sites are identified that will be adversely affected by project activities, we requested to be provided with copies of the cultural resources survey report and any proposed treatment plans for review and comment. In the enclosed letter dated March 5, 2014, we reviewed the environmental assessment which incorrectly stated that the park did not receive any comments from Native American tribes.

Regarding the enclosed draft Programmatic Agreement, we defer to the State Historic Preservation Office and other interested tribes. However, we reiterate that if prehistoric sites are identified that will be adversely affected by project activities, we request to be provided with copies of the cultural resources survey report and any proposed treatment plans for review and comment. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

Enclosures: November 4, 2011, November 5, 2013, March 5, 2014 letters
xc: Utah State Historic Preservation Office