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Ms. Sara Needles  
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Subject: Memorandum of Agreement completion report for the Mount Washburn Fire Lookout in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming; PEPC 70097, DBI\_WY\_2018\_1541

Dear Ms. Needles:

On July 2, 2019, Yellowstone National Park (YNP) and the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (WYSHPO) entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the mitigation of adverse effects to the Mount Washburn Fire Lookout (48 YE 946) (DBI\_WY\_2018\_1541; Appendix A). The Mount Washburn Fire Lookout was determined to be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places in March of 2012 (SHPO project file #0312KLH010, DBI\_WY\_2012\_2266) under Criteria A and C. Under Criterion A the lookout is eligible for its association with the history of National Park Service (NPS) administration as it related to the protection of park resources during the New Deal era. Under Criterion C, the lookout is eligible for its representation of the evolving design of fire lookouts within the NPS. The Mount Washburn Fire Lookout is also recorded internally by YNP as historic structure 0290, and under the NPS List of Classified Structures (LCS) as LCS ID 050934.

The MOA contained a total of five mitigation measures labeled as Stipulation 1.a. through 1.d. Each of these mitigations has now been met as outlined in the included report.

YNP is happy to have had the opportunity to conduct the Mount Washburn Fire Lookout concrete restoration project and hope to have members of your office visit in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact Thomas James, Cultural Resource Specialist (Roads), at (307) 344-2715 or via email at [thomas\\_james@nps.gov](mailto:thomas_james@nps.gov).

Sincerely,

Cameron H. Sholly  
Superintendent

**Enclosures:**

- 1. Mount Washburn Memorandum of Agreement Final Report,**
- 2. HABS No. WY-173Report**
- 3. Verizon as-built construction drawings for the Mount Washburn Fire Lookout**
- 4. Addendum to Verizon as-built construction drawings (staircase)**

**Identical letters sent to: Mr. Brandon Kiser (Verizon)**

**Kyle Stetler, Historian/Archivist (Forest Fire Lookout Association**

**Jeff Ruch, JD (Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility)**