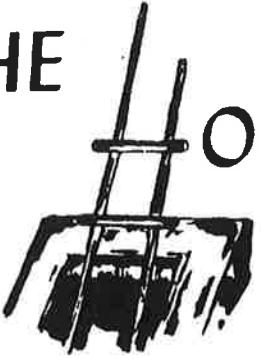


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Elizabeth A. Humphrey, District Ranger
Attention: Peggy Luensmann, Environmental Coordinator
Lincoln National Forest, Sacramento Ranger District
P.O. Box 288, 4 Lost Lodge Road
Cloudcroft, New Mexico 88317

Dear Ranger Humphrey,

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated February 28, 2017, regarding the New Mexico Meadow Jumping Mouse Habitat Improvement projects on the Sacramento Grazing Allotment. The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to Ancestral Puebloan cultural groups in New Mexico. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites, and we consider the prehistoric archaeological sites of our ancestors to be "footprints" and Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we appreciate the Forest's solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

And therefore, the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office is interested in consulting on any proposal on the Forest that has the potential to adversely affect prehistoric Ancestral Puebloan sites. We understand this undertaking involves ground disturbing activities including fencing, livestock handling facilities and water developments. Therefore, if the cultural resources report identifies prehistoric sites that may be adversely affected by project activities, please provide us with copies of the survey report and any proposed treatment plans for review and comment.

In addition, if uninventoried prehistoric sites are encountered during project activities, these activities must be discontinued in the immediate area of the remains, and the State Historic Preservation Office must be consulted to evaluate their nature and significance. If any Native American human remains or funerary objects are discovered during construction they shall be immediately reported as required by law.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at 928-734-3619 or tmorgart@hopi.nsn.us. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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