

March 01, 2022

Jeff Tomac, Forest Supervisor U.S.D.A. Forest Service Black Hills National Forest 1019 North 5th Street Custer, SD 57730

Re: Spruce Vegetation Management Project Scoping Statement (DBPR\_WY\_2022\_140)

Dear Mr. Tomac,

Our staff has received information concerning the aforementioned project. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to comment.

Management of cultural resources on U.S.D.A. Forest Service (USFS) projects is conducted in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Advisory Council regulations 36 CFR Part 800, and the Programmatic Agreement Among the U.S.D.A. Forrest Service, Wyoming Forests, Wyoming State Historic Preservation Officer and Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding Compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act on the National Forests and Grasslands of Wyoming (PA). Provided the USFS follows the procedures established in the regulations and/or PA, we have no objections to the project. Specific comments on the project's effect on cultural resource sites will be provided to the USFS when we review the cultural resource documentation called for in 36 CFR Part 800.

Please refer to DBPR\_WY\_2022\_140 on any future correspondence dealing with this project. If you have any questions contact me at 307-777-5497.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Currit Senior Archaeologist