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MINERALS & MINING PROGRAM

SDCL 45-6: Wharf Resources Revision
Project: Expansion Large-Scale Mining Permit
Location: T4NR2E
County: Lawrence

Dear Ron:

We have completed a review of the reports associated with the Wharf Expansion Project. The Archaeological Research Center makes the following determination:

This office concurs with the reports received addressing the non-contributing factors of the majority of sites within the proposed project area. With the exception of one segment of site, 39LA2009, the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad, all of the cultural resources lack sufficient content for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places and a finding of no impact to cultural resources is recommended for this project.

Two concerns regarding this project that we discussed over the phone was additional documentation in the form of digitally documenting site 39LA2009, the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad bed, and a table listing all cultural resource sites within and adjacent to the project area that are or will be destroyed during the course of the project so appropriate data may be added to the files kept at the South Dakota State Historical Society, Archaeological Research Center. These concerns were met. The railroad bed was recorded by digital photographs and detailed maps which are now on file at the Archaeological Research Center leaving the following stipulation regarding mining and reclamation of the project area:

1. If any bones, artifacts, foundation remains, or other evidence of previously unrecorded past human use of the project area is discovered during the course of mining operation, activity should be temporarily halted in the vicinity, and the State Archaeologist's office be notified in a timely manor.

If you have any questions or require further information, please let me know. Thank you for your concern in preserving South Dakota's cultural heritage.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Fosha
Assistant State Archaeologist