



November 7, 2016

Ms. Melissa Schmit
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Dear Ms. Schmit:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the revised project area for the Crocker Wind Farm in Clark County, South Dakota. A brief review of our records indicates that a number of previously recorded stone features and one burial associated with American Indian Tribes are located within the project area.

Since South Dakota Codified Law 1-20-21.2 does not allow my office to provide information pertaining to the location of archaeological resources, we recommend the following steps be taken in order to identify cultural resources located within the project area.

- Please obtain a record search from the Archaeological Research Center, which is the official repository for all archaeological information in South Dakota. The record search will provide locational information about known cultural resources and previous archaeological surveys in the project area. More information about obtaining a records search can be found at <http://history.sd.gov/Archaeology/recordsearches.aspx> or (605) 394-1936.
- A Level III Intensive Survey of the project area should be conducted prior to any ground disturbing activities.
- An analysis of the visual effects on cultural resources, such as buildings and structures, should be completed. We recommend establishing a buffer of no less than one mile around the project area to assess the effects.
- Contact the Tribal Historic Preservation Officers in South Dakota concerning the effects of the project on Traditional Cultural Properties and/or places of religious and cultural significance. For your convenience, a list of Tribal contacts has been included.

Once this information is gathered we appreciate the opportunity to review the results and consult further with your organization on the treatment of identified cultural resources.

Please note that South Dakota Codified Law 34-27-26 states that no person unless authorized by the state archaeologist may knowingly disturb or knowingly permit disturbance of human skeletal remains or funerary objects except a law enforcement officer, coroner or other official designed by law in performance of official duties.

Should you require additional information, please contact Paige Olson at Paige.Olson@state.sd.us or (605) 773-6004. Your organization's concern for the non-renewable cultural heritage of South Dakota is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jay D. Vogt
State Historic Preservation Officer



Paige Olson
Review & Compliance Coordinator

Enclosure: *Tribal Chairs and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices/ Cultural Resource management Offices*