



 OFFICE of ARCHAEOLOGY and HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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Re: Initiation of Consultation for the Grazing Yak Solar Project, El Paso County, Colorado (HC#74926)

Dear Ms. Perkins:

Thank you for your correspondence dated September 11, 2018 and received by our office on September 12, 2018 initiating consultation for the above referenced project.

Based on our review of the information provided, we note that the proposed project is located on approximately 240 acres in Sections 2 and 29 of Township 12 South, Range 61 West in El Paso County, southeast of the modern town of Calhan. The project involves construction of a solar array, associated collection lines, and tie in to the existing Jackson Fuller Substation located 1 mile from the solar array.

We view the proposed Area of Potential Effects as the one mile tie in and the footprint for the solar array. This is the APE for direct effects, termed the Area of Direct Impacts (ADI) in the consultation letter. Based on our review, it does not appear that any properties nominated for inclusion in or accepted by the state register are present within or adjacent to the project area that could be adversely affected. While we appreciate your continued due-diligence to identify and avoid important properties within our state as part of its planning process, please note that our comments should not be interpreted as concurrence under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) or any other environmental law or regulation. If human remains are discovered during ground disturbing activities, the requirements under CRS 24-80 part 13 apply and must be followed.

It is our understanding that, as of this date, there is no known state or federal involvement in this project. If state or federal agencies become involved in the project, such as for permitting, licensing, or funding, these agencies will need to consult with our office in conformity with the NHPA or Colorado Historical, Prehistorical, and Archaeological Resources Act (CRS 24-80), as appropriate. In the event that there is federal agency involvement, please note that it is the responsibility of the federal agency to meet the requirements of Section 106 as set forth in 36 CFR Part 800 titled "Protection of Historic Properties". This includes not only reasonable and good faith identification efforts of any historic properties located within the area of potential effects, but determining whether the undertaking will have an effect upon such properties. The State Historic Preservation Office, Native American tribes, representatives of local governments, and applicants for federal permits are entitled to consultative roles in this process.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Lindsay Johansson, Section 106 Compliance Manager, at (303) 866-4678 or lindsay.johansson@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

for
Steve Turner, AIA
State Historic Preservation Officer