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Re: Palmer Solar Project (HC#75301)

Dear Mr. Coles:

Thank you for your correspondence received by our office on December 7, 2018 regarding the review of the above referenced project. Thank you also for the additional information you provided over the phone regarding the involvement of a principle department of the State of Colorado. As such, this letter constitutes review under the Colorado State Register Act (CRS 24-80.1).

After review of the documentation provided, note that the proposed project involves construction of a 60-megawatt solar energy photovoltaic generation facility in El Paso County. We note that several cultural resource surveys have been conducted in the vicinity of the proposed project, but that the majority of the project area has not been surveyed for cultural resources. Two isolates and one site segment have been documented on the peripheries of the project area as a result of earlier surveys.

Based on our review of the above information, 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.

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.