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Regulatory Division
Corps No. NWW-2025-00036

SUBJECT: Continuation of Section 106 Consultation and Determination of Effects

Ms. Casandra Schiffler
Staff Liaison, City of Meridian Historic Preservation Commission
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Dear Ms. Schiffler:

On February 4, 2025 the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) sent Section 106 consultation letters to the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Shoshone-Paiute Tribes, and Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to consult on the Corps' No Adverse Effect determination for the Western State Equipment Company's parking lot expansion project in Meridian, Idaho. In that letter the Corps stated the project would have No Adverse Effect to the Eightmile Lateral, which is an eligible irrigation waterway that the applicant proposes to pipe about 410 linear feet of in order to expand their existing parking lot. On February 20, 2025 the SHPO responded requesting a site update be completed for the Eightmile Lateral in order for them to finish their review of the project.

Around that same time, the Applicant informed the Corps that there are two phases to their project. The first phase is piping 410 feet of the Eightmile Lateral, which they applied to do in their first permit application, and then Phase Two is piping 553 additional linear feet of Eightmile Lateral. Together, the two phases of the project would pipe the full length of Eightmile Lateral between E Overland Road and Highway 84 (for a total length of 963 linear feet). On 19 May 2025 the Applicant submitted their application for Phase Two of the project to the Corps.

To address the comment from the SHPO on Phase One, the applicant arranged for ARH Archaeology and Architectural History LLC (ARH) to conduct a cultural resources investigation for the project as a whole. The resulting report is titled "500 Overland Road Cultural Resource Inventory" and is dated March 11, 2025 and is enclosed for your review (Enclosure). ARH conducted a site visit and evaluated that the full segment of the Eightmile Lateral that is proposed to be piped is in its original alignment and contributes to the eligibility of the overall resource. Due to this, ARH recommends that the project will have an Adverse Effect to the Eightmile Lateral, and the Corps concurs with this. At the time ARH conducted the cultural resources fieldwork, the applicant had unauthorizedly started construction on the project and had already excavated the southern portion of

the Eightmile Lateral. The Corps issued a Notice of Violation to the applicant for this unauthorized construction, and future construction on this project is on hold until Section 106 is completed.

The Corps would appreciate your concurrence or comment on this determination within 30 days from the date of this letter. This determination, with enclosures, has been furnished to the parties listed above for review. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Jason Achziger by telephone at (509) 780-7552 or by email at jason.k.achziger@usace.army.mil or Ms. Anna Jansson, Regulatory Division Archaeologist, by telephone at 971-295-1443 or by email at anna.m.jansson@usace.army.mil. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) will be required to mitigate the adverse effects to the Eightmile Lateral. Please respond to me at anna.m.jansson@usace.army.mil if your organization would like to be involved in the development of (MOA).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna Jansson".

Anna Jansson
Archaeologist, Regulatory Division

Enclosure