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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Subject: Invitation to Participate in the Development of an Idaho Statewide Programmatic Agreement Concerning Cultural Resources

Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Reclamation is contacting you to ascertain if your organization is interested in joining with Reclamation, the Idaho State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and other parties to create streamlined procedures for projects led and funded by Reclamation. The SHPO and Reclamation are identifying interested parties who can work together in the development of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

The main purpose of this PA is to create a consultation process that will allow Reclamation to provide more efficient cultural resources reviews on many projects. This will allow us to adhere to the NHPA and associated regulations, while providing better service overall. Cultural resources are generally defined as more than 50 years old and those affected by our projects often include the following:

- Dams
- Irrigation facilities and canals
- Archaeological sites
- Buildings

Participation may include providing comments on the draft PA, attending virtual meetings to discuss the development of the PA, or becoming a concurring party and staying involved after the PA is executed.

If you would like to participate in the development of this PA or have further questions, please contact one of my staff archaeologists, Ms. Jennifer Rilk at (208) 383-2257 or by email at jrilk@usbr.gov, or Ms. Nikki Polson at (208) 678-0461, extension 13, or by email at npolson@usbr.gov within 30 days.

Sincerely,

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