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Subject: Response Regarding Crittendon Day Use Area Fence Construction, Lewis and Clark County, Montana. MTAO Project No. CF-20-006

Dear Mr. Brown:

On September 8, 2020, the Montana Area Office of the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) submitted a letter and information to you regarding a proposed fencing project at Crittendon Day Use Area at Canyon Ferry Reservoir for consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. On September 21, 2020, Reclamation received a response letter from your office by Review and Compliance Officer Laura Evilsizer disagreeing that relying on a 1982 inventory is sufficient to identify cultural resources that may be affected by this project and requesting a new cultural resource inventory of the undertaking's Area of Potential Effect.

Our office in consultation with Reclamation's Federal Preservation Officer and Regional Archaeologist reiterate Reclamation is responsible for managing federal lands under its jurisdiction and is responsible for determining the adequacy of inventories. The age of the inventory itself is not a sufficient reason for Reclamation to resurvey an area. Reclamation has determined the inventory as adequate. Reclamation is not going to direct, order or conduct a new inventory for this undertaking. Reclamation is moving forward with the implementation of this undertaking.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at 406-247-7666 or by email at rdhanson@usbr.gov. For the hearing impaired, please call the Federal Relay System at 800-877-8339.

Sincerely,

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