

**NARROWS PROJECT
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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

APPENDIX E

CULTURAL RESOURCE COORDINATION

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Mr. Max J. Evans
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Subject: Gooseberry Narrows Environmental Commitments - Cultural Resources

Dear Mr. Evans:

In order to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, the Provo Area Office of the Bureau of Reclamation wishes to consult with you concerning proposed environmental commitments regarding cultural resources compliance with NHPA on the Gooseberry Narrows Project.

The Gooseberry Narrows Project consists of construction of a dam and a small reservoir on Gooseberry Creek for the purpose of diverting water from the Price River drainage for the use of farmers in Sanpete County. The area of potential effect includes the zone of construction of the dam and reservoir, a 1/4 mile zone around the reservoir that will be used by fishermen and other recreational visitors, the zone of construction and use of recreational facilities associated with the project, improvements to an existing tunnel (which may itself be National Register eligible), the zone of construction of a delivery system (pipeline) for the water, and the zone of construction associated with enhancing wetlands as part of wildlife mitigation associated with the project.

Current Status of Project

The current status of this project is as follows: An environmental impact statement (EIS) is being prepared by the Provo Area Office, working with the Sanpete Water Conservancy District and with a private contractor. Because the project has been controversial, all parties wish to see a record of decision on the EIS prior to commencing with the environmental compliance work required, including cultural resources compliance. Therefore, the cultural resources work necessary to comply

with Section 106 takes the form of environmental commitments in the EIS. These commitments must be met prior to any construction on the project.

The current status of cultural resources compliance on the Gooseberry Narrows project is as follows: An inventory of the reservoir pool area was done by the University of Utah in 1976, and three sites (two prehistoric lithic scatters and one historic foundation) were recorded. The sites were not evaluated as to their National Register eligibility, and a testing program was recommended (but never completed). The current pool area is slightly different than the area inventoried in 1976, but there is a great deal of overlap with the 1976 inventory. A 1992 letter from your office outlines steps that need to be taken in order to complete NHPA Section 106 requirements. The project has changed somewhat in scope since 1992, and the environmental commitments for cultural resources compliance for the present configuration of the project are outlined below.

Native American consultation regarding the project has been initiated. On August 5, 1997, Betsy Chapoose and Clifford Duncan of the Uintah-Ouray Ute Tribe toured the project area with Signa Larralde and Kerry Schwartz of the Provo Area Office and were briefed on the scope of the proposed project. The Uintah-Ouray Ute Tribe is the only tribe believed to have aboriginal ties to the project area. We are currently awaiting feedback from Ms. Chapoose and Mr. Duncan regarding any areas of traditional cultural importance within the project area. The only concerns expressed on the tour were that the Utes be provided with a list of plants in the project area, with the possible intent of plant collecting for medicinal use in the future.

Environmental Commitments for Cultural Resources Compliance

The following environmental commitments to be included in the EIS provide compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act:

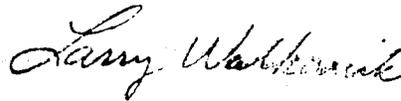
- Evaluate three previously recorded sites in pool area as to National Register eligibility. Limited testing necessary in order to evaluate the sites will be accomplished through placing auger holes in a pattern on each site, or excavating test units.
- Inventory any of the pool area, dam construction zone, and road realignments not inventoried in 1976, including a 1/4 mile zone around pool area that would be impacted by recreational use of the reservoir. Inventory the location of all recreational facilities proposed in the project plan, plus all areas slated for wetlands enhancement.
- Inventory the rights of way for the proposed East Bench and Oak Creek pipelines, consisting of 16.1 linear miles of proposed water pipeline near Fairfield in Sanpete County.

- Inventory and evaluate the existing historic tunnel delivery system on Gooseberry Creek as to its National Register eligibility.
- Conduct a cultural resources overview of U.S. Forest Service information on historic features in and near project area; evaluate any features within the project area as to their National Register eligibility.
- Conduct a paleontological literature search and survey of the project area and its immediate vicinity, with the particular view of assessing the likelihood of recovering Pleistocene fauna during the project (the project area is near the site of the Huntington mammoth discovery).
- Consult with your office regarding the National Register eligibility of any historic or archaeological sites found during work associated with any of the above commitments. If we jointly reach the conclusion that significant sites will be impacted by the project, Reclamation will then consult with your office and with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to negotiate a Memorandum of Agreement that outlines mitigation measures to be taken prior to project construction to avoid adverse effects of the project on historic properties.

We would appreciate it if you would review the above environmental commitments and respond as to whether or not your office believes they will provide compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. We would also appreciate any suggestions you may have as to how best to complete the cultural resources work and the consultation necessary for compliance. We would very much appreciate a response within 30 days of receipt of this letter, or by October 15, 1997.

Should you have any questions about the Gooseberry Narrows Project, please contact Signa Larralde at 524-3684.

Sincerely,



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Manager, Resources Management Division

cc: Area Manager, Provo UT
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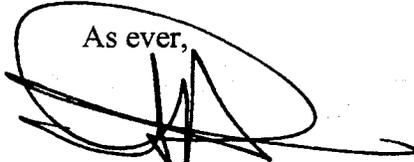
RE: Gooseberry Narrows Environmental Commitments

In Reply Please Refer to Case No. 94-0609

Dear Mr. Walkoviak:

The Utah State Historic Preservation Office received information on the project referenced above on September 11, 1997. After consideration of the letter and the seven environmental commitments, the Utah Preservation Office concur with the Bureau of Reclamation that they do meet the standards for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

This information is being provided on request to assist the Bureau of Reclamation in identifying historic properties, as specified in §36CFR800, for Section 106 consultation procedures. If you have questions, please contact me at (801) 533-3555, or Barbara L. Murphy at (801) 533-3563. My email address is: jdykman@history.state.ut.us

As ever,

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