

Attachment A



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October 9, 2014

Jamie Schrenzel, EAW Project Manager
DNR – Div. of Ecological & Water Resources
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St. Paul, MN 55155-4025

RE: EAW – Redpath Project – Bois de Sioux Watershed District to construct a floor water storage impoundment along the Mustinka River/Judicial Ditch 14
Grant, Traverse Counties
T128 R45 S15, 16, 21-28; T128 R44 S19, 20, 30
SHPO Number: 2014-3021

Dear Jamie Schrenzel:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above project. It is being reviewed pursuant to the responsibilities given to the Minnesota Historical Society by the Minnesota Historic Sites Act and the Minnesota Field Archaeology Act.

Due to the nature and location of the proposed project, we recommend that a Phase I archaeological survey be completed. The survey must meet the requirements of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Identification and Evaluation, and should include an evaluation of National Register eligibility for any properties that are identified. For a list of consultants who have expressed an interest in undertaking such surveys, please visit the website preservationdirectory.mnhs.org, and select "Archaeologists" in the "Search by Specialties" box.

We will reconsider the need for survey if the project area can be documented as previously surveyed or disturbed. Any previous survey work must meet contemporary standards. **Note:** plowed areas and right-of-way are not automatically considered disturbed. Archaeological sites can remain intact beneath the plow zone and in undisturbed portions of the right-of-way.

Please note that this comment letter does not address the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and 36CFR800, procedures of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for the protection of historic properties. If this project is considered for federal assistance, or requires a federal license or permit, it should be submitted to our office by the responsible federal agency.

If you have any questions regarding our review of this project, please contact Kelly Gragg-Johnson at (651) 259-3455.

Sincerely,

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Sarah J. Beimers, Manager
Government Programs and Compliance



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October 15, 2014

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Jamie Schrenzel
Project Manager
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
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Re: Redpath Project Environmental Assessment Worksheet

Dear Jamie Schrenzel:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the Redpath project (Project) located in Grant and Traverse Counties, Minnesota. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) staff has reviewed the EAW and has no comments at this time.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this project. **Please provide the notice of decision on the need for an Environmental Impact Statement.** Please be aware that this letter does not constitute approval by the MPCA of any or all elements of the Project for the purpose of pending or future permit action(s) by the MPCA. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the Project proposer to secure any required permits and to comply with any requisite permit conditions. If you have any questions concerning our review of this EAW, please contact me at 651-757-2482.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Kain".

Kevin Kain
Project Manager
Environment & Energy Section
Resource Management & Assistance Division

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cc: Craig Affeldt, MPCA, St. Paul
Jim Courneya, MPCA, Detroit Lakes