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To: Public Files
From: Laura Washington
Date: December 12, 2017
Dockets: P-2533-000
Project: Brainerd Hydroelectric Project

Subject: Consultation with Tribes for the Brainerd Hydroelectric Project No. 2533

On October 11, 2017, Laura Washington, staff of the Division of Hydropower Licensing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued a letter initiating Tribal consultation for the relicensing process for the existing Brainerd Hydroelectric Project No. 2533 (Brainerd Project). Ms. Washington followed up with the addressed Tribes via email and telephone on November 20, 2017 and November 21, 2017 to determine if any would be interested in participating in consultation for the Brainerd Project.

On October 17, 2017, Virginia Richey, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma replied via mailed letter, received on October 17, 2017 that there were no properties of interest in the project area.

On November 20, 2017, Ms. Washington spoke with Bill Latady, THPO for the Bois Forte Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Community. Mr. Latady stated that he was new to the position and requested that I resend the email with the original Tribal Consultation Letter attached. I resent the email with attachment and received a response (in letter form, attached to the email) stating there are currently no properties of interest in for the Bois Forte tribe in the Brainerd.

The following tribes were contacted for follow-up via email and/or phone and did not respond: Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians of the Bad River Reservation, Wisconsin, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of the Lac du Flambeau Reservation of Wisconsin, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of the Lac du Flambeau Reservation of Wisconsin, Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma, Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, Upper Sioux Community - Minnesota, Fond du Lac Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Grand Portage Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Michigan, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Michigan, Leech Lake Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (The Mille Lacs Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe), Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, Sokaogon Chippewa Community, Wisconsin

White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Fort Belknap Indian Community of the Fort Belknap Reservation of Montana, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin and the St Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin.



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TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

November 20, 2017

Laura Washington
Office of Energy Projects – Hydropower Licensing
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 1st street NE
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Docket No. P-2533-000 Brainerd Hydroelectric Project No. 2533

Dear Laura;

The Bois Forte Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) has reviewed the above project where the existing Brainerd Hydroelectric Project No. 2533 is undergoing relicensing through the Federal Energy Commission.

THPO staff reviewed our files and is not aware of cultural or religious places of interest to the Bois Forte Band within project (APE). However should another Band or Tribe indicate there may be effects to historic properties, Bois Forte reserves the right to be re-enter consultation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 218-753-6017 or blatady@boisforte-nsn.gov.

Sincerely,
Bill Latady

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Tribal Historic Preservation Officer



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RE: Consultation with Tribes for the Brainerd Hydroelectric Project No. 2533 Docket No. P-2533-000

On behalf of the Tribal Historic Preservation Office of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, thank you for the notice of the referenced project. I have reviewed your Consultation request under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act regarding the project proposal and commented as follows:

At this time, it is determined to be categorized as No Properties; however, if at any time during the project implementation inadvertent discoveries are made that reflect evidence of human remains, ceremonial or cultural objects, historic sites such as stone rings, burial mounds, village or battlefield artifacts, please cease work in area of discovery and notify the THPO Office within 72 hours.

In addition, if inadvertent discoveries are made; pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulation Part 800.13, as amended; you will also be required to make arrangements for a professional archaeologist to visit the site of discovery and assess the potential significance of any artifacts or features that were unearth. If needed, we will contact the Tribes NAGPRA representatives.

Please contact me at (405) 422-7484 or vrichey@c-a-tribes.org, if you have any questions or concerns. Alternate contact is Micah Demery; she can be reached directly at (405) 422-7416 or mdemery@c-a-tribes.org. Thank you again for your notification!

Best Regards,

**Virginia Richey
Tribal Historic Preservation Office/THPO**

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