



To: Gina King, Wildlife Biologist
From: Kate Valdez, THPO *KV*
Date: September 30, 2014
Subject: Voluntary Public Access Grant Clearance

Thank you for contacting the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) regarding the Voluntary Public Access projects, being completed under a grant award from USDA-NRCS. In reviewing the information provided, the THPO does not have any concerns or issues with beginning work occurring within previously disturbed areas, such as the gate installation, parking area and road improvements. Furthermore there is not a concern with project activities that do not require ground disturbance. It is determined that these activities will not adversely affect Historic Properties and have clearance to move forward.

However blinds and signs have bases that will be installed in the ground, and will require additional Cultural Resource work, per T-66-84, T-92-87 and the National Historic Preservation Act. Please continue coordination with the Cultural Resource Program, who upon completion of survey work will provide the Tribal Historic Preservation Office with a report for review and concurrence; at which time we will provide a second letter of clearance for the remaining project activities.

I can be reached at 509-985-7596 with any questions.

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