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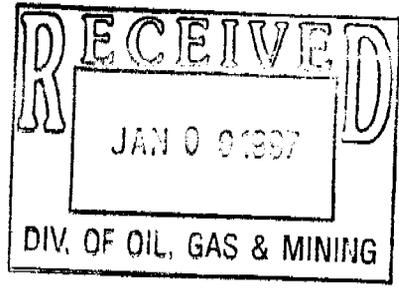


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ACT/041/002 #2

RE: "Cultural Resource Evaluation of a Potential Subsidence Zone in the Box Canyon Locality of Sevier County, Utah" U-96-AF-0443f

In Reply Please Refer to Case No. 96-1628

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Dear Mr. McDonald:

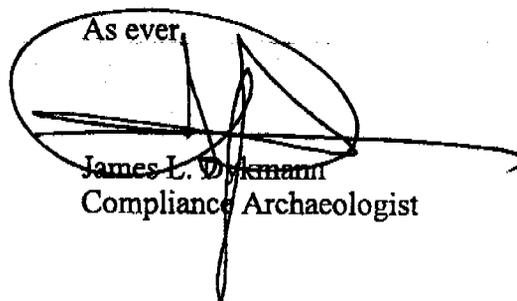
The Utah State Historic Preservation Office received the above referenced report on December 31, 1996. After consideration of the report and the Forest Service determination, the Utah Preservation Office offers the following consultation comments.

1. The USHPO **Concurs** with the determination of eligibility as listed in Table One of the December 27<sup>th</sup> letter titled, Summary of AERC survey finding, and Forest Service determinations. [Eligible; 42SV896, 1567, 1568, 2393, 2386, 2387, 2388], [Not Eligible; 42SV 2390, 2391, 2392, 2395]. Sites 42SV2394 and 2389 should be consider eligible until a determination is made. Based on material provided to our office, the sites appear to meet criteria for eligibility. Testing for eligibility should be limited to basic questions; it appears that a small amount of work should allow the Forest Service to make the determination.
2. In consideration of the effect determination, the Utah Preservation Office concurs with the Forest Service determination of **No Effect** for those sites not eligible or eligible sites not in the area of potential effect.
3. The Utah Preservation Office recommends a determination of **No Adverse Effect** for those sites affected by the project that are eligible under criteria d, [36CFR 800.9(c)(1)]. Considering those sites with rock art that are also eligible under criteria c as well as d, a determination of **Adverse Effect** is appropriate. As outlined by 36CFR 800.5, an agreement with appropriate parties needs to be developed. The Utah Preservation Office would consent to be a signatory to the agreement. Our office would also recommend consultation with Native American groups that may be interested in the rock art and its potential traditional meaning to indigenous people.

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4. The Utah Preservation Office would also recommend that the research design and excavation for this project be put to bid to allow the developer of the project price and time options. An item that our office would consider crucial to the project is a public product from the excavations because of the unique archaeological area, and the limited information provided to the public about cultural resources in this area of the state.

As directed by 36 CFR 800.5(d) the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 12136 West Bayaud Avenue - Suite 330, Lakewood, Colorado 80226, needs to be contacted. If you have questions, please contact me at (801) 533-3555, or Barbara L. Murphy at (801) 533-3563. My computer address on internet is: [jdykman@history.state.ut.us](mailto:jdykman@history.state.ut.us)

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