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Elizabeth Orlando
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Rm. 2657
Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

Re: Keystone XL
Phase I Cultural Resources Survey
Nebraska
H.P. #0805-010-01

Dear Ms. Orlando:

Our office has reviewed the cultural resources survey report (Fink et al. 2008) on the Nebraska segment of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline. We concur that archaeological sites 25RO13, 25HT44-46, 25WH4, 25NC143-146, 25MK17-19, 25HM26-30, 25YK18-22, 25YK24-27, 25FM23-27, 25SA86-88, and 25JF45-49 are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

We also concur that if the sites 25KP150, 25BO54, 25YK17, and 25YK23 cannot be avoided then additional testing and documentation will be necessary for our office to make a determination of eligibility.

We also endorse the recommendations of the report that the lead Federal agency should contact the Pawnee Tribe in reference to site 25HM25. We also agree with the recommendations for the geomorphologic testing proposed.

Sincerely,

Terry Steinacher
H.P. Archaeologist

Concurrence:

L. Robert Puschendorf
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cc: Titus