

APPENDIX O.

State Historic Preservation Office Consultation

Determination of Eligibility and Effect

Lookout Pass Ski and Recreation Area Expansion

Project Title

R2016010432372

Report Number

National Register Eligibility (36 CFR 60.4):

Evaluation Class (per FSM 2361.1)

No. of Sites

Site Numbers

I – Eligible

4

10SE790 (private)
01040002090 (10SE888)
01040003110 (10SE1189)
01040003109 (LP-01)

II – Potential

III – Not Eligible

Effect (36 CFR 800 Subpart B):

[] Because of the type of project, and/or its location, the Forest Cultural Resource Specialist has determined that the above project has little likelihood to adversely affect cultural properties. As a result, a *No Inventory Decision* has been made and the project may proceed.

[] An appropriate inventory has been conducted for the above project and no cultural properties are located within the area of potential effect. As a result, the Forest Cultural Resource Specialist has made a *No Historic Properties Affected* determination and the project may proceed.

[X] An appropriate inventory has been conducted for the above project and cultural properties are known to be located within the area of potential effect. SHPO concurrence is thus required, however, the Forest Cultural Resource Specialist has made a preliminary determination that the project will have *No Adverse Effect* to these properties because:

- The cultural properties are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.
- The project has been designed to avoid significant effects to components/features associated with Class I and II properties.
- An attached report/plan provides certain information meant to resolve, minimize, reduce or mitigate adverse effects to Class I properties.

Comments and Coordination Requirements:

The Lookout Pass Ski and Recreation Area Expansion project area received cultural resources survey in 2015 by archaeologists from SWCA Environmental Consultants. The project encompasses areas in both Idaho and Montana. Four sites are located within the Idaho portion of the Area of Potential Effect. All four sites are National Register eligible.

Site 10SE790 consists of the Lookout Ski Lodge and will not be effected by project activities.

Site 01040002090 (10SE888) consists of a segment of the Northern Pacific Railroad. The Idaho segment within the APE no longer retains characteristics that would make it a contributing element to the eligibility of the overall site. The Montana segment (24MN120) within the APE has been previously determined not eligible.

Site 01040003109 (LP-01) is an historic debris scatter associated with the Mullan Road. The site is transversed by forest roads with the majority of the site residing in Idaho and the rest in Montana. Project activity confined to the disturbed forest roads will have no adverse effect on the site.

Segments of the Mullan Road, located within the APE, lie in Idaho and Montana. The Idaho segments (01040003110, 10SE1189) will not be effected by project activities. The Montana segments (24MN133-G) will be adversely affected by project activities. The Lolo National Forest heritage specialists are consulting with the Montana SHPO to mitigate adverse effects from project activities to the Montana segments.

Should any cultural resources that were previously unidentified be found during project implementation, all project activities will be stopped in the immediate area and your office will be notified pursuant to 36 CFR 800.13.

Howard M. Gibson

2/16/2016

Forest Archaeologist

Date

Line Officer Approval*

Date

*Required when non-routine action is recommended.

S.H.P.O. Comments – I have reviewed the documentation provided by the Forest Service

I agree with the determination

I disagree as explained below or in attached letter.

Mary Anne Davis

Signature

Associate State Archaeologist

Title

3/10/2016

Date

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February 17, 2016

Mr. Timothy Garcia
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RE: Lookout Pass Ski and Recreation Area Expansion
Mineral County, Montana

Dear Mr. Garcia:

Thank you for the letter and additional materials (received February 12, 2016) regarding the Lookout Pass Ski and Recreation Area Expansion project in Mineral County, Montana. We concur that 24MN0372 is Eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and D.

We also concur that this undertaking will have an Adverse Effect on Historic Properties, specifically the Mullan Road (24MN0133).

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (406) 444-0388 or JBush2@mt.gov. Thank you for consulting with us and we look forward to working with you on the Memorandum of Agreement.

Sincerely,



Jessica Bush, M.A.
Review and Compliance Officer
Montana State Historic Preservation Office

