

# US Army Corps of Engineers Walla Walla District



#### **Cultural Resources Record of Internal Review**

| Driggs, Idaho / 595 Continuing Authority Project |
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| 01 February, 2018                                |
| Christopher D. Wernick                           |
| City of Driggs, Idaho                            |
| Teton County, Idaho                              |
| T5N, R45E Secs 25, 26, 35, & 36                  |
| USGS 7.5' Quads. "Driggs, Idaho" (1978)          |
| City of Driggs and Private Land Owners           |
| 2018-NWW-005                                     |
| PM-EC-2018-0004                                  |
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### **Project Description**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, (Corps) Walla Walla District proposes to participate in a cost share project with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the City of Driggs, Idaho (Figure 1) in order to rehabilitate the city's wastewater collection and treatment systems. The Corps' proposed action (undertaking) utilizing Section 595 funding will include the remaining contract administration, design, construction management, inspection, and the purchase of telemetry equipment and programming associated with the Driggs Water System Improvement Project. The undertaking will also include an as-built water system map, along with survey and GIS equipment for the City to update the water system map after improvements are completed. Lastly, the Corps' undertaking will include advertising, bidding, and construction of chlorine treatment and generator transfer switch improvements to the City's existing valley Center and Teton Creek Wells.

The proposed work will not require additional water rights, and all construction activity will comply with Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requirements for surface water protection and groundwater contamination protocols. All construction efforts will be located in previously disturbed urban environments; however, the Corps' undertaking is limited to administrative actions or actions not requiring ground disturbance.

#### **Determination of Effect**

The Corps undertaking has been determined to have <u>No Effect to Historic Properties</u> and no additional work is necessary. Furthermore, the Corps consulted with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe and Shoshone-Paiute Tribes regarding this determination on December 6, 2017; however, both tribes elected to not respond (see Appendix A for consultation letters). This concludes the Corps' NHPA Section 106 requirements and the project may proceed as planned.

| No Undertaking/No Potential to Cause Effects |  | No Adverse Effect to Historic Properties. |
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disturbed areas. Furthermore, the Corps action is limited to administrative efforts. Consultation with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes, and the Idaho SHPO is sufficient to meet the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36 CFR Part 800.

## **Certification of Results:**

I certify that this investigation was conducted and documented according to Secretary of Interior's Standards and guidelines and that the report is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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Christopher D. Wernick, Archaeologist US Army Corps of Engineers

August 12, 2015

Jamee N. Fiore, Historic Preservation Review Officer Idaho State Historical Preservation Office 210 Main St. Boise, ID 83702

Re: City of Driggs, Water System Improvements Project

Dear Ms. Fiore,

In a letter dated November 17, 2014, your office made a determination that no adverse effect to historic properties within the project area. The project scope and project area has not changed since your determination.

USDA Rural Development has concluded that the proposed project will have no effect on historical properties and by proceeding as discussed above we are in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kent Erickson at (208) 327-6462.

Sincerely,

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS 201 NORTH THIRD AVENUE WALLA WALLA, WA 99362-1876

December 6, 2017

SUBJECT: Driggs Water System Improvement Project

Mr. Ted Howard Cultural Resources Director Tribal Environmental Protection Program PO Box 219 Owyhee, NV 89832

Dear Mr. Howard:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District (Corps) is writing to consult on our National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 finding of effect for the Driggs Water System Improvement Project (project). Consultation letters were originally sent to your office by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) environmental contractor, The Development Company. These letters contained the project scope of work with maps and illustrations depicting proposed improvements. The USDA made a determination of No Effect to Historic Properties, as no new ground disturbance is proposed and the project will occur outside of any known historic property.

The Corps recently entered into an agreement with the City of Driggs, Teton County, Idaho for design and construction assistance for the project. The Corps role (undertaking) for the project will include contract administration, design, construction management, inspections, and the purchase of telemetry equipment and programming associated with the project.

The Corps has determined the undertaking will have <u>No Effect to Historic Properties</u>. Please, however, respond within 30 days from your receipt of this letter if there are any disputes with this determination. For any inquiries regarding this project, contact Mr. Christopher D. Wernick at 509-527-7297, <u>Christopher D Wernick@usace army mil</u>; or myself at 509-527-7278, Robin B.Michel@usace.army mil,

Sincerely,

For Robin B Michel

Acting Chief, Cultural Resources Section