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Re: Request for a Sacred Lands File records search for the proposed Desert Xpress Project Victorville area to the Nevada Border, San Bernardino County, California: USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangles include Apple Valley North, Victorville, Turtle Valley, Helendale, Wild Crossing, Hodge, Yermo, Nebo, Hinkley, Barstow, Harvard Hill, Manix, Alvord Mountain East, Crocker Hill, Dunn, West of Soda Lake, Soda Lake North, Baker, Halloran Springs, Turquoise Mountain, Valley Wells, Solomons Knob, Mineral Hill, Mescal Range, Clark Mountain, Ivanpah Lake

Dear Mr. Shaver:

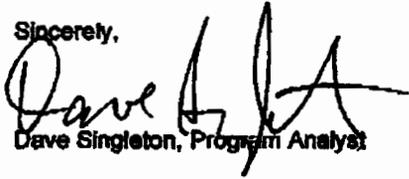
The Native American Heritage Commission was able to perform a record search of its Sacred Lands File (SLF) for the affected project areas (APEs). The SLF failed to indicate the presence of Native American cultural resources in the immediate project area. The absence of specific site information in the Sacred Lands File does not guarantee the absence of cultural resources in any project area. This project sites are in close proximity to previously discovered prehistoric burial sites and is believed to hold numerous cultural resources.

Early consultation with Native American tribes in your area is the best way to avoid unanticipated discoveries once a project is underway. Enclosed is the name of the nearest tribes that may have knowledge of cultural resources in both project areas. A list of Native American contacts for the project is attached to assist you. The Commission makes no recommendation of a single individual or group over another. It is advisable to contact the person listed; if they cannot supply you with specific information about the impact on cultural resources, they may be able to refer you to another tribe or person knowledgeable of the cultural resources in or near the affected project area.

Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude the existence of archeological resources. Lead agencies should consider avoidance, as defined in Section 15370 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) when significant cultural resources could be affected by a project. Also, Public Resources Code Section 15064.5(f) and Section 15097.98 and Health & Safety Code Section 7050.6 provide for provisions for accidentally discovered archeological resources during construction and mandate the processes to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a project location other than a 'dedicated cemetery. Discussion of these should be included in your environmental documents, as appropriate.

If you have any questions about this response to your request, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 653-6251.

Sincerely,



Dave Singleton, Program Analyst

Attachment: Native American Contact List

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This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources for the proposed Desert Xpress Project No. 06234.06, extends from Victorville to Nevada State Line; San Bernardino County, California.

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