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RE: National Register Evaluation for Waldie Coal Mine Subsidence
Section 1 T4N, R45E Custer County (24CR1235)

Dear Ms. Sears:

The Department of Environmental Quality – Abandoned Mine Lands Bureau (DEQ) is planning to conduct reclamation activities at the aforementioned site potentially beginning in late fall 2012 or early spring 2012. The Waldie coal mine subsidence (Section 1 coal mine) was subject to a Cultural Resource Investigation and Evaluation by Mitzi Rossillon, Consulting Archeologist, LLC during September 2012. DEQ concurs with Rossillon's conclusion that the site is not eligible for listing under Criterion A, B, C and D of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) as it lacks both significance and integrity.

The DEQ's proposed reclamation activities will consist of backfilling the Waldie Coal Mine Subsidence feature. Work will be performed with the landowner's consent.

The DEQ requests that State Historic Preservation Office concur with our finding for this property. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the DEQ's findings in this matter. CRABS form for site 24CR1235 is enclosed.

Sincerely:

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