

**Jim Castro**

---

**From:** "Murdo, Damon" <dmurdo@mt.gov>  
**Date:** Friday, December 18, 2015 1:29 PM  
**To:** <jmcastro@montana.com>  
**Attach:** 2015121801.pdf  
**Subject:** ES STONE ROCK PICKING SITE 20, CASCADE COUNTY



December 18, 2015

James M. Castro  
3281 Strom Drive  
Helena MT 59602-8514

RE: ES STONE ROCK PICKING SITE 20, CASCADE COUNTY. SHPO Project #: 2015121801

Dear Mr. Castro:

I have conducted a cultural resource file search for the above-cited project located in Section 35, T21N R1E. According to our records there have been no previously recorded sites within the designated search locale. The absence of cultural properties in the area does not mean that they do not exist but rather may reflect the absence of any previous cultural resource inventory in the area, as our records indicated none.

It is SHPO's position that any structure over fifty years of age is considered historic and is potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. If any structures are to be altered and are over fifty years old we would recommend that they be recorded and a determination of their eligibility be made prior to any disturbance.

Based on the lack of previous inventory and the ground disturbance required by this undertaking we feel that this project has the potential to impact cultural properties. We, therefore, recommend that a cultural resource inventory be conducted in order to determine whether or not sites exist and if they will be impacted.

If you have any further questions or comments you may contact me at (406) 444-7767 or by e-mail at [dmurdo@mt.gov](mailto:dmurdo@mt.gov). I have attached an invoice for the file search. Thank you for consulting with us.

Sincerely,

Damon Murdo  
Cultural Records Manager  
State Historic Preservation Office

File: DEQ/AIR&WATER WASTE MNG/2015

12/21/2015

**Jim Castro**

---

**From:** "Murdo, Damon" <dmurdo@mt.gov>  
**Date:** Thursday, December 3, 2015 3:34 PM  
**To:** <jmcastro@montana.com>  
**Attach:** 2015120307.pdf  
**Subject:** ES STONE ROCK PICKING SITES 19 AND 20, CASCADE COUNTY



December 3, 2015

James M. Castro  
3281 Strom Drive  
Helena MT 59602-8514

RE: ES STONE ROCK PICKING SITES 19 AND 20, CASCADE COUNTY. SHPO Project #: 2015120307

Dear Mr. Castro:

I have conducted a cultural resource file search for the above-cited project located in Sections 1, 2, T20N R1E, and Section 29, T22N R1E. According to our records there have been no previously recorded sites within the designated search locale. The absence of cultural properties in the area does not mean that they do not exist but rather may reflect the absence of any previous cultural resource inventory in the area, as our records indicated none.

It is SHPO's position that any structure over fifty years of age is considered historic and is potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. If any structures are to be altered and are over fifty years old we would recommend that they be recorded and a determination of their eligibility be made prior to any disturbance.

Based on sites recorded in the vicinity by the State Lands Archaeologist, the lack of previous inventory and the ground disturbance required by this undertaking we feel that this project has the potential to impact cultural properties. We, therefore, recommend that a cultural resource inventory be conducted in order to determine whether or not sites exist and if they will be impacted.

If you have any further questions or comments you may contact me at (406) 444-7767 or by e-mail at [dmurdo@mt.gov](mailto:dmurdo@mt.gov). I have attached an invoice for the file search. Thank you for consulting with us.

Sincerely,

Damon Murdo  
Cultural Records Manager  
State Historic Preservation Office

File: DEQ/AIR&WATER WASTE MNG/2015

12/21/2015