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## IC File # I21-3 Project Review

RE: Use Permit #2018-005 and Reclamation Plan #2018-002 - Update  
T23N, R17E, Sections 11 & 14, MDBM  
USGS Beckwourth Pass 7.5' quad  
Approximately 86.5 acres (Lassen County)

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LASSEN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

Dear Maurice Anderson,

In response to your request, a project review for the project cited above was conducted by examining the official maps and records for cultural resources and surveys in Lassen County. Please note that use of the term cultural resources includes both archaeological sites and historical buildings and/or structures.

### RESULTS:

**Resources:** According to our records, seven resources have been recorded within or immediately adjacent to the project boundaries. The resources are listed in Table 1 below. Additionally, 17 resources have been recorded in the ½-mile vicinity. The project is located in a boundary region utilized by the Washoe and Northern Paiute populations. Unrecorded prehistoric and/or historic cultural resources may be located in the project area.

**Table 1. Previously Recorded Resources.**

| Primary      | Trinomial       | Other IDs   | Age                      | Attributes          |
|--------------|-----------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
| P-18-001513  | CA-LAS-001513   | Caltrans - LAS-395-T91;<br>Agency Nbr - CrNV-03-10951 | Prehistoric              | AP02; AP11          |
| P-18-001514* | CA-LAS-001514   | Resource Name - LAS-395-T92                           | Prehistoric              | AP02                |
| P-18-001577* | CA-LAS-001577   | Other - Mapes Road Site                               | Prehistoric              | AP02                |
| P-18-003013  | CA-LAS-003013H  | BLM - CrNV-03-5843                                    | Historic                 | AH04; AH07;<br>AH16 |
| P-18-005676  | CA-LAS-005676   | BLM - CrNV-03-10952;<br>Agency Nbr - 14-01-173-02     | Prehistoric              | AP02                |
| P-18-005677  | CA-LAS-005677/H | BLM - CrNV-03-10953;<br>Agency Nbr - 14-01-173-03     | Prehistoric,<br>Historic | AH09; AP02          |
| P-18-005678  | CA-LAS-005678   | BLM - CrNV-03-10954;<br>Agency Nbr - 14-01-173-04     | Prehistoric              | AP02                |

\*Immediately adjacent

The USGS Chilcoot (1950) 15' quadrangle map indicates that Long Valley Creek, Highway 395, Western Pacific Railroad, streams, and roads are in the general vicinity of the project area.

The project is located in the Red Rock Mining District.

**Previous Archaeological Investigations:** According to our records, the project area has been previously surveyed for cultural resources. In addition, a regional overview study encompasses the project location. The reports are listed below.

Meyer, Jack (Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc.)

2013 *A Geoarchaeological Overview and Assessment of Northeast California, Cultural Resources Inventory of Caltrans District 2 Rural Conventional Highways: Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity Counties.*

**NEIC-012349**

Offermann, Janis (California Department of Transportation)

1996 *An Archaeological Survey Along U.S. Route 395 from Hallelujah Junction to Garnier Road in Lassen County, California.*

**NEIC-001473**

Pollock, Alain and Kaitlyn Mansfield (Broadbent & Associates, Inc.)

2018 *Final - A Class III Cultural Resources Inventory Report for the GeoFortis  
Pozzolan Mineral Claim Plan of Operations, Lassen County, CA.*

NEIC-014103

**Literature Search:** The official records and maps for archaeological sites and surveys in Lassen County were reviewed. Also reviewed: **National Register of Historic Places - Listed properties and Determined Eligible Properties** (2012), **California Register of Historical Resources** (2012), **California Points of Historical Interest** (2009); **California Historical Landmarks** (2012), **Gold Districts of California – Bulletin 193** (2005), **Historic Spots in California – Fifth Edition** (2002), **Handbook of North American Indians, Vol. 8, California** (1978), and **Built Environment Resource Directory** (2020).

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Based upon the above information and the local topography, the project is located in an area considered to be highly sensitive for prehistoric, protohistoric, and/or historic cultural resources. Flats near streams, springs, and seeps are sensitive for archaeological sites. Indigenous populations used the local region for seasonal and/or permanent settlement, as well as for the gathering of plants, roots, seeds, domestic materials, and hunting seasonal game. Historically, Euro-Americans utilized the region for farming and transportation opportunities.

As noted above, the project area has been previously surveyed for cultural resources. Recommendations for this project were provided in Pollock and Mansfield (2018). This review of the available historic building/structure data has included only those sources listed above and should not be considered comprehensive.

During any phase of parcel development, if any potential prehistoric, protohistoric, and/or historic cultural resources are encountered, all work should cease in the area of the find until a qualified archaeologists examines the site and materials. This request to cease work in the area of a potential cultural resource find is intended for accidental discoveries made during construction activities, and is not intended as a substitute for the recommended cultural resources survey. A list of qualified consultants is available online at [www.chrisinfo.org](http://www.chrisinfo.org).

If human remains are discovered, California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 requires you to protect the discovery and notify the county coroner, who will determine if the find is Native American. If the remains are recognized as Native American, the coroner shall then notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC). California Public Resources Code Section 5097.98 authorizes the NAHC to appoint a Most Likely Descendant (MLD) who will make recommendations for the treatment of the discovery.



The California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) contracts with the California Historical Resources Information System's (CHRIS) regional Information Centers (ICs) to maintain information in the CHRIS inventory and make it available to local, state, and federal agencies, cultural resource professionals, Native American tribes, researchers, and the public. Recommendations made by IC coordinators or their staff regarding the interpretation and application of this information are advisory only. Such recommendations do not necessarily represent the evaluation or opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer in carrying out the OHP's regulatory authority under federal and state law.

Due to processing delays and other factors, not all of the historical resource reports and resource records that have been submitted to the OHP are available via this records search. Additional information may be available through the federal, state, and local agencies that produced or paid for historical resource management work in the search area. Finally, Native American tribes have historical resource information not in the CHRIS Inventory, and the NAHC should be contacted at (916) 373-3710 for information regarding Native American representatives in the vicinity of the project.

Payment for this project review was received on September 1, 2021 (Check # 106193). Thank you for your dedication preserving Lassen County's and California's irreplaceable cultural heritage, and please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need any further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RB', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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NEIC Coordinator