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Ms. Elizabeth Pentecost
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Re: Sacramento Peak Observatory Operations, Sunspot, Otero County, NM
Request for Concurrence on the Revised Area of Potential Effects (APE)
HPD Log # 103900, 104236, 105254, 105751 and 106029

Dear Ms. Pentecost,

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) is in receipt of the National Science Foundation's June 29, 2017 correspondence requesting concurrence on the revised Area of Potential Effects (APE), the revised Sacramento Peak Observatory historic district boundary, and the approach for documenting the helicopter landing area

HPD concurs with the revised APE and the approach for documenting the helicopter landing area. It is understood that the helicopter landing area and assorted building foundations in the main Observatory area will be included with the expanded historical context and that no further fieldwork will be required.

The Forest Service is in the process of preparing a National Register Nomination and the boundary that is under consideration for this nomination is still being determined in consultation with HPD. However, this will not affect the APE as shown on your plan. An assessment of effect can proceed and the work on the expanded historical context can commence.

Sincerely,

Andrew Zink, Archaeologist
Archaeological Project Reviewer

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Cc: Blanco, FPO - NSF, B. Sapp, M. Gutzman USFS (all via email)

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