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Caroline M. Blanco  
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Re: Section 106 Assessment of Effects for the Proposed Changes to Sacramento Peak Report  
Observatory Operations, Sunspot, Otero County, New Mexico  
HPD Log Nos. 103900, 104236, 15254, 105751, and 106786

Dear Ms. Blanco,

The New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office (NMSHPO) received the above cited final report on November 6, 2017. The final report reflects earlier comments made by NMSHPO and the area of potential effect (APE) is consistent with earlier discussions. NMSHPO agrees with NSF's recommendation to continue consultation and to commence with the preparation of a Programmatic Agreement (PA).

If you have not yet initiated consultation with other consulting parties or Native American tribes, we recommend that you begin that process as soon as possible. A list of tribes with interests in Otero County can be found on our web site, along with contact information. Our website address is [www.nmhistoricpreservation.org](http://www.nmhistoricpreservation.org).

Please submit the draft PA to Preservation Planning Manager, Pilar Cannizzaro, who can be reached at [pilar.cannizzaro@state.nm.us](mailto:pilar.cannizzaro@state.nm.us) or 505 827-4054. Ms. Cannizzaro will be HPD's primary contact for further communications on this important undertaking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Barbara Zook".

Barbara Zook Architect

Cc: William Sapp, U.S. Forest Service (via email)  
Mark Klaene, Apache Point Observatory (via email)