



Preserving America's Heritage

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Ms. Caroline M. Blanco  
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Ref: *Potential Changes to Sacramento Peak Observatory Operations*  
*Sunspot, Otero County, New Mexico*  
*ACHPConnect Log Number: 012339*

Dear Ms. Blanco:

Enclosed is a copy of the fully executed Section 106 agreement (Agreement) for the referenced undertaking. By carrying out the terms of the Agreement, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will fulfill their responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) 54 U.S.C. § 300101 et seq, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800). Once NSF has obtained the signatures of all signatories, please provide us with a copy of the executed Agreement in accordance with 36 CFR 800.6(c)(9). Copies should also be provided to all the consulting parties. The original Agreement will remain on file at our office.

We commend NSF, for working closely with the U.S. Forest Service, the National Solar Observatory, the Apache Point Observatory, the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Officer, the ACHP, and other consulting parties to resolve the adverse effects of this undertaking on historic properties.

If we can be of further assistance as the Agreement is implemented, please contact Dr. John Eddins at (202) 517-0220, or by e-mail at [jeddins@achp.gov](mailto:jeddins@achp.gov), and reference the ACHPConnect Log Number above.

Sincerely,

Charlene Dwin Vaughn, AICP  
Assistant Director  
Office of Federal Agency Programs

Enclosure