



HISTORY *Colorado*

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Re: King Coal Mine (Permit No. C-1981-035) Technical Revision No. 29 (TR-29) Additional Portals and Access Roads (HC# 68206)

Dear Ms. Binns:

Thank you for your correspondence dated March 5, 2020 received by our office on March 12, 2020 regarding the subject undertaking as part of your Section 106 consultation requirements.

After review of the additional information received by our office on March 30, 2020, we understand that the technical revision (TR-29) being proposed will not include additional lands incorporated into the permit area. We also understand that the additional surface disturbance outside the area currently approved for disturbance was previously surveyed, at which time no historic properties were identified. As such, we concur that there will be no historic properties affected [36 CFR 800.4(d)(1)] as a result of the proposed undertaking.

Should unidentified archaeological resources be discovered in the course of the project, work must be interrupted until the resources have been evaluated in terms of the National Register eligibility criteria (36 CFR 60.4) in consultation with our office pursuant to 36 CFR 800.13. Also, should the consulted-upon scope of the work change, please contact our office for continued consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

We request being involved in the consultation process with the local government, which as stipulated in 36 CFR 800.3 is required to be notified of the undertaking, and with other consulting parties. Additional information provided by the local government or consulting parties might cause our office to re-evaluate our eligibility and potential effect findings. Please note that our compliance letter does not end the 30-day review period provided to other consulting parties.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and we look forward to continuing consultation. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Holly McKee-Huth, Section 106 Compliance Tech, at (303) 866-4670 or [holly.mckee@state.co.us](mailto:holly.mckee@state.co.us).

Sincerely,

Steve Turner, AIA  
State Historic Preservation Officer