



History Colorado

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RE: Class III CRI of Mountain Coal's LWE (Panels 10-12) in Gunnison County, Colorado
(R2023020408009) (HC# 83722)

Dear Mr. Stewart,

Thank you for your correspondence received on October 16, 2023 requesting review of the above referenced undertaking under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800.

After review of the provided documentation, we concur that 5GN.6815 and 5GN.6816 are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Based on the documentation provided, we agree that your finding of no historic properties affected [36 CFR 800.4(d)(1)] is appropriate for the subject 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 NHPA.

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. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Marques, Section 106 Compliance Manager, at (303) 866-4678, or matthew.marques@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Dawn DiPrince
State Historic Preservation Officer