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## **APPENDIX D: CULTURAL RESOURCES, TRIBAL, AND SHPO CORRESPONDENCE**

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November 1, 2023

Ms. Lisa Steckler  
Review and Compliance Coordinator  
North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office  
State Historical Society of North Dakota  
North Dakota Heritage Center  
612 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck ND 58505-0830

*This letter transmitted via email on  
November 1, 2023 to [lsteckler@nd.gov](mailto:lsteckler@nd.gov)*

Stanley Municipal Airport  
Mountrail County, North Dakota  
Determination of Effect  
Construct Turf Crosswind Runway and Future Infrastructure Projects

Stanley Municipal Airport is proposing the following undertaking(s):

1. Construct a turf crosswind runway that measures 1,185 feet long and 120 feet wide

***Please refer to the attached sketch depicting the proposed undertakings.***

A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory was completed on June 29-30, 2023 by John G. Morrison of Juniper Environmental Consulting and a Traditional Cultural Specialist (TCS) representing the Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes (FPAST) Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO). Juniper encountered one new cultural resource during the inventory. Site 32MN1718 is an historic period trash dump within a field pile. The TCS representatives expressed no concerns. Site 32MN1718 was recommended *not eligible* for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places because it lacks significant aspects of physical and spatial integrity and does not meet the guidelines to be eligible under Criterion A-D.

The FAA is initiating consultation as the lead Federal Agency on the above mentioned undertaking. The FAA has determined that a Section 106 finding of **No Historic Properties Affected** is applicable for the undertaking. Therefore, the FAA respectfully requests the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office to provide written concurrence with the Section 106 determination of *No Historic Properties Affected* specifically for the above referenced undertaking at Fargo Hector International Airport.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the analysis and conclusions use to determine the potential effects of the proposed undertaking on historic, cultural, and archaeological resources, please contact me at [casey.r.buechler@faa.gov](mailto:casey.r.buechler@faa.gov).

Sincerely,

*Casey R Buechler*

Casey R. Buechler  
Environmental Protection Specialist



November 30, 2023

Casey Buechler  
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**ND SHPO Ref.: 24-5123 “Stanley Municipal Airport ALP Update: Class III Cultural Resource Inventory in Mountrail County, North Dakota” in portions of [T156N R91W Section 29] Juniper 836**

Dear Casey,

We reviewed ND SHPO Ref.: 24-5123 “Stanley Municipal Airport ALP Update: Class III Cultural Resource Inventory in Mountrail County, North Dakota” in portions of [T156N R91W Section 29] Juniper 836 as submitted to our office on November 1, 2023 and find the report by John Morrison acceptable. We concur with a determination of “No Historic Properties Affected” for this project provided it takes place in the location and in the manner described in the documentation and provided all borrow comes from an approved source.

We further concur that 32MN1718 is *Not Eligible* for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. Please include the ND SHPO Reference number listed above in further correspondence for this specific project. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Steckler, Historic Preservation Specialist at (701) 328-3577 or [lsteckler@nd.gov](mailto:lsteckler@nd.gov)

Sincerely,

for William D. Peterson, PhD  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
(North Dakota)

24-5123

Tribal Mail List

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Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe (of the Cheyenne River Reservation, South Dakota)
Crow Creek Sioux Tribe (of the Crow Creek Reservation, South Dakota)
Crow Tribe of Montana
Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe of South Dakota
Fort Belknap Indian Community of the Fort Belknap Reservation
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of the Lower Brule Reservation
Northern Cheyenne Tribe of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation
Oglala Sioux Tribe
Rosebud Sioux Tribe of the Rosebud Indian Reservation
Santee Sioux Nation, Nebraska
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation
Spirit Lake Tribe
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North & South Dakota
Three Affiliated Tribes of the Berthold Reservation, North Dakota (Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation)
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians of North Dakota
Upper Sioux Community, Minnesota
Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota



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November 1, 2023 *via email*

**Notice of Federal Undertaking  
Stanley Municipal Airport (08D)  
New Turf Crosswind Runway 3/21  
Stanley, North Dakota  
Mountrail County**

The Stanley Municipal Airport Authority, in cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the North Dakota State Aeronautics Commission (NDAC), is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. The Airport's proposed action is a new Turf Crosswind Runway, which is needed to provide adequate wind coverage for aircraft that use the Airport on a regular basis. The proposed runway would be 1,185 feet long and 120 feet wide. Land acquisition will be needed to build the runway as proposed.

**Please refer to the Study Area Map.**

The purpose of the Airport's proposed action is to provide adequate wind coverage for all aircraft that use the Airport on a regular basis, to satisfy near-term user needs, and to meet FAA airport design standards. Without a new crosswind runway, the Airport is not able to provide the recommended 95 percent wind coverage for the aircraft that regularly use the Airport.

Purpose of Government-to-Government Consultation

The primary purpose of government-to-government consultation as described in Federal Executive Order 13175 "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments" and FAA's Order 1210.120 "American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Consultation Policy and Procedures" is to ensure the Federally Recognized Tribes are given the opportunity to provide meaningful and timely input regarding proposed FAA actions that uniquely or significantly affect Tribes. Further, President Biden issued a Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships on January 26, 2021 that states "it is a priority [...] to make respect for Tribal sovereignty and self-governance, commitment to fulfilling Federal trust and treaty responsibilities to Tribal Nations, and regular, meaningful, and robust consultation with Tribal Nations cornerstones of Federal Indian policy." Lastly, on August 10, 2023 Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg signed the US Department of Transportation (DOT) Order 5301.1A, Department of Transportation, Tribal Consultation Policy and Procedures.

***This initial scoping letter is being provided to both the Tribal Chair/President and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer vial email.***

## Surveys

An intensive cultural resource inventory was conducted June 29-30, 2023. Approximately 210 acres were surveyed by Juniper Environmental Consulting, John G. Morrison was the principal investigator and archaeologist, with one Traditional Cultural Specialist (TCS) from Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes (FPAST) Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO). Juniper noted 50 previously recorded cultural resources and 30 previous cultural resource investigations located within a one-mile radius of the location of the proposed undertaking. None of the previously recorded cultural resources lie within the inventory block and none will be impacted by the proposed development.

Juniper encountered one new cultural resource during the inventory. Site 32MN1718 is an historic period trash dump within a field pile. The TCS representatives expressed no concerns. Site 32MN1718 is recommended **not eligible** for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places because it lacks significant aspects of physical and spatial integrity and does not meet the guidelines to be eligible under Criterion A-D. No previously recorded cultural resources will be impacted by the proposed action.

## Consultation

During the early stages of the project, information related to the project was presented at the Tribal Consultation Committee Meeting held in the Spring 2023.

## Request for Comments

The FAA is seeking comments on the proposed action and concerns that uniquely or significantly affect your Tribe related to proposed airport improvements. Early identification of Tribal concerns allows the FAA and the airport owner and operator to consider ways to avoid and minimize potential impacts to Tribal resources and practices as project planning and alternatives are developed and refined. We would be pleased to discuss details of the proposed project with you.

## Confidentiality

We understand that you may have concerns regarding the confidentiality of information on areas or resources of religious, traditional and cultural importance to the Tribe. In accordance with Section 9 of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, 16 USC 470hh(a), *Confidentiality of Information Concerning the Nature and Location of Archaeological Resources and Traditional Cultural Properties*, and its implementing regulations at 43 CFR 7.18, detailed information regarding specific locations of archaeological and cultural resources will not be included in any public documents.

## FAA Contact Information

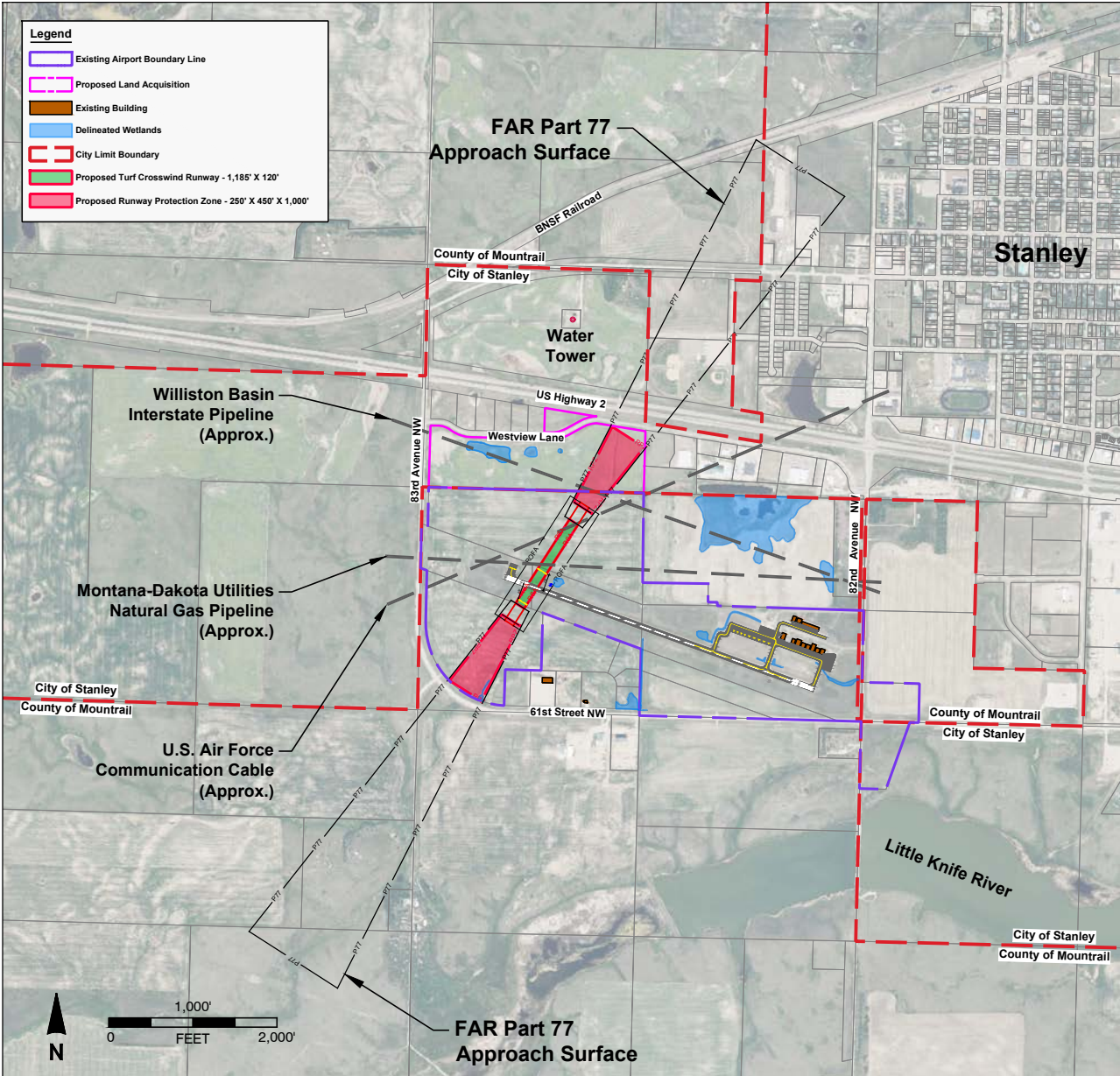
If you wish to provide comments related to this proposed project, please contact me at [casey.r.buechler@faa.gov](mailto:casey.r.buechler@faa.gov).

Sincerely,

*Casey R. Buechler*

Casey R. Buechler  
Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosure: Study Area Map and Alternatives



STANLEY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT  
 STANLEY, ND

PROPOSED TURF CROSSWIND RUNWAY 3/21



## Tribal Responses

**From:** [Larus Longie](#)  
**To:** [Buechler, Casey R \(FAA\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: 2023-11-01 Stanley ND Airport - Environmental Assessment Scoping Letter  
**Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 9:42:39 AM

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Based on the reports of TCSs and THPO on site we con concur no affect or ground disturbance will occur on historic or cultural resources. Larus Longie THPO

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**From:** Buechler, Casey R (FAA) <Casey.R.Buechler@faa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2023 3:10 PM  
**To:** Jamie S. Azure <jamie.azure@tmbci.org>  
**Cc:** Larus Longie <larus.longie@tmbci.org>; Lares, Sheri (FAA) <sheri.lares@faa.gov>  
**Subject:** 2023-11-01 Stanley ND Airport - Environmental Assessment Scoping Letter

Good afternoon –

Attached please find the Stanley Airport Environmental Assessment scoping letter.

Thanks –  
Casey

**Casey R. Buechler**  
Environmental Protection Specialist

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)  
Dakota - Minnesota Airports District Office  
Bismarck, North Dakota  
(701) 323-7358



**From:** [cchistory@midstatesd.net](mailto:cchistory@midstatesd.net)  
**To:** [Buechler, Casey R \(FAA\)](mailto:Buechler_Casey_R@faa.gov)  
**Subject:** Re: 2023-11-01 Stanley ND Airport - Environmental Assessment Scoping Letter  
**Date:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 10:52:03 AM

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Hello Casey, The Crow Creek Sioux THPO has deferred project review and comments to the local North Dakota tribes.

Merle Marks  
Crow Creek Sioux Tribe  
THPO - Director  
605.245.2221

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**From:** "Buechler, Casey R (FAA)" <Casey.R.Buechler@faa.gov>  
**To:** "peterlengkeek" <peterlengkeek@yahoo.com>  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2023 2:41:50 PM  
**Subject:** 2023-11-01 Stanley ND Airport - Environmental Assessment Scoping Letter

Good afternoon –

Attached please find the Stanley Airport Environmental Assessment scoping letter.

Thanks –  
Casey

**Casey R. Buechler**  
Environmental Protection Specialist

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**From:** [Sara Childers](#)  
**To:** [Buechler, Casey R \(FAA\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXT] 2023-11-01 Stanley ND Airport - Environmental Assessment Scoping Letter  
**Date:** Monday, November 6, 2023 4:42:41 PM

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Hello,

The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe has no issues with the proposed project at this site.

If any cultural material and or human remains are disturbed please stop and contact us ASAP.

Thank you,

Sara Childers

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**Garrie Kills-A-Hundred**

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

**Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe**

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Thanks –  
Casey

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