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**Re:** *Platte River Power Authority Timberline Substation and Richards Lake Substation to Rawhide Generation Plant Segments of the Western Area Power Administration Flatiron-Poudre Transmission Line Class III Cultural Resource Inventory*

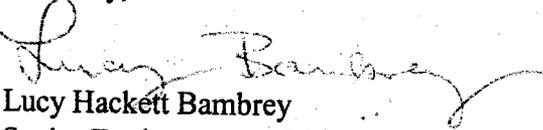
Dear Mr. Dahl:

Enclosed is a copy of the *Platte River Power Authority Timberline Substation and Richards Lake Substation to Rawhide Generation Plant Segments of the Western Area Power Administration Flatiron-Poudre Transmission Line Class III Cultural Resource Inventory, Larimer County, Colorado* report for your review. This report summarizes the results of the cultural resources/archaeological survey that was performed in Larimer County, Colorado at the request of Platte River Power Authority. As indicated by the cc below, two copies have been sent to Rodney Jones at Western Area Power Administration for review. We are holding a copy of the report for the Colorado SHPO pending review and will send it to Western to submit after Platte River's and Western's approval.

A total of 37 miles (approximately 848 acres) was surveyed. A total of 5 prehistoric sites, 17 historic sites, and 7 prehistoric and historic isolated finds were located and documented. These included new segments of previously recorded sites. Newly recorded sites 5LR9930, 5LR9932, 5LR995.2 (Lake Canal Ditch), and 5LR9649.2 (Poudre Valley Canal) are considered eligible for the National Register because of their association with events significant to local history and prehistory. Re-evaluated site 5LR1568 (Coy/Hoffman Barn) is listed on the State Register of Historic Properties. All other sites are not considered eligible. Cultural resource clearance is recommended for the project as surveyed with the stipulation that all eligible sites be avoided during the upgrade of the line. If avoidance is not possible, evaluative testing or archival documentation is recommended.

Please contact me at 303.850.0930 or [lbambrey@greystone-consultants.com](mailto:lbambrey@greystone-consultants.com) with any questions.

Sincerely,



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Dear :

The Western Area Power Administration (Western), an agency of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), is the lead federal agency for a project to upgrade the electric transmission system in the Fort Collins, Colorado area. Platte River Power Authority (Platte River) is proposing to add additional generation at its Rawhide Power Plant, to rebuild and upgrade two miles of Western's existing 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line, and to install additional 230 kV transmission to Platte River's existing electrical system.

Western has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) to analyze the potential environmental consequences of this proposed action and its alternatives. This EA has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA, and DOE NEPA guidelines.

States which host Western's facilities are provided with an opportunity to review and comment on any Western EA, prior to approval of the EA, to ensure full coordination on any action which may affect state lands or citizens. This process is intended to improve coordination and facilitate early and open communication between our office and state agencies and citizens. Accordingly, I am providing you with an advance copy of the EA for your review and comment.

If you have any comments on the EA, please submit them to me by July 17, 2001, at the following address:

Western Area Power Administration  
Rocky Mountain Region  
5555 East Crossroads Blvd  
Loveland, Colorado 80539

or, you may e-mail comments to: [rjones@wapa.gov](mailto:rjones@wapa.gov)

Comments sent within this period will be considered prior to approval of the EA and the project. Comments sent after July 17, 2001 will be considered to the extent possible.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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