



HISTORY *Colorado*

April 25, 2012

David Merritt
Principal Water Resources Engineer
URS Corporation
713 Cooper Avenue, #100
Glenwood Springs, Colorado 81601

Re: Notice of Intent – Peabody Trout Creek Reservoir Project Pre-Application Document (PAD)
Information (CHS #61739)

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Thank you for your correspondence dated March 30, 2012 (received by our office on April 2, 2012) regarding the subject project.

In order to determine the effect of the proposed project on cultural resources, we recommend that you coordinate your NEPA studies with the cultural resource studies required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Per 36 CFR 800.8, “Federal agencies are encouraged to coordinate compliance with Section 106 and the procedures in this part with any steps taken to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act.” Also, Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act states that Federal agencies should “coordinate with the earliest phases of any environmental review carried out under the National Environmental Policy Act.”

The findings from the Section 106 studies can inform the NEPA studies, such as including mitigation measures identified under Section 106 into the NEPA decision document. Once we receive the Section 106 studies, we will be able to fully complete our reviews under both NHPA and NEPA. Additional information regarding the Section 106 process is available on our website at <http://www.historycolorado.org/archaeologists/commonly-asked-questions-section-106>.

We look forward to continued consultation on the subject project. If we may be of further assistance, please contact please contact Mark Tobias, Section 106 Compliance Manager, at (303) 866-4674 or mark.tobias@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

for Edward C. Nichols
State Historic Preservation Officer
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