

ABSTRACT

Kadmas, Lee & Jackson, Inc , of Minot, North Dakota, on behalf of the Minot Area Development Corporation, contacted EARTHWORKS, Inc , to conduct a Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for the proposed MADC Intermodal Site near Minot, North Dakota. The project area consisted of an irregularly shaped block area encompassing 720 acres in Sections 8, 17, 20, and 21, T 155 N , R 82 W , Ward County, North Dakota. The project area was inventoried by EARTHWORKS archaeologists Duane Klinner, Principal Investigator, and Price B Heimer, Archaeological Technician on March 15, 16, and 17, 2006.

No new or previously recorded cultural materials were encountered or recorded within the project area. EARTHWORKS recommends a finding of *No Historic Properties Affected* by the proposed undertaking as mapped, described and inventoried herein.

VII. Summary and Recommendations

Summary

Ackerman-Estvold (AE) conducted a Class III cultural resource investigation at the request of the Minot Area Development Corporation (MADC) for a proposed expansion of their Intermodal Site. The Area of Potential Effect (APE) includes approximately 75 acres of prairie landscape.

The purpose of the Class III cultural resource investigation was threefold. First, conduct literature research and identify known cultural resources in the area of potential effect (APE). Second, to document any areas with the potential to contain archaeological sites, as well as unrecorded architectural properties in the APE. Lastly, to make recommendations of the need for any future studies.

The first phase of work conducted during this investigation included literature research at the North Dakota State Historical Society. This research was conducted on November 15, 2016 by Mason Eisenzimmer. AE archaeologist, Cameon Eisenzimmer and Mason Eisenzimmer completed the fieldwork on November 18 and 25, 2016, which consisted of a pedestrian reconnaissance survey of the proposed project area.

Recommendations

Provided that the scope of the project does not change, AE recommends a finding of *No Historic Properties Affected* (36CFR800.4[d][1]) for the proposed undertaking as documented herein. If there are any changes to the APE, additional cultural investigations are required prior to construction.

Please note that the appropriate state and/or federal review authorities may require concurrence with these findings before work may proceed. In the event that buried and presently unidentified cultural remains of potential significance are uncovered as a result of construction activities, all work in that location should cease until a professional archaeologist can be brought in to evaluate such materials.