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**ND SHPO Ref.:09-1425 STB docket No. 1041X Dakota Northern Railroad
Inc. Abandonment Exemption - in Walsh and Pembina Counties, North
Dakota**

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Dear Mr. McFarland,

Albert I. Berger
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We received Appendix 5 of the Draft Environmental and Historic Report regarding ND SHPO Ref.:09-1425 STB docket No. 1041X Dakota Northern Railroad Inc. Abandonment Exemption - in Walsh and Pembina Counties, North Dakota. We concur with a "No Historic Properties Affected" determination, provided the abandonment occurs as described. If any borrow fill material (gravel, sand, etc) is required for the project, the material must be derived from an approved source, that is, one surveyed by an archaeologist and found to contain no significant cultural resources.

Calvin Grinnell
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Thank you for the opportunity to review this action. Please include the ND SHPO Reference number listed above in further correspondence for this specific project. If you have any questions please contact Susan Quinnell at (701) 328-3576, or squinnell@nd.gov

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Sincerely,

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