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**Re: Borrow Expansion in Spreading Areas A and B (OS-ESD-17-083) /
SHPO Review No.: 2017-1130**

Dear Ms. Medellin

Thank you for consulting with our office on the above reference project. We understand the scope of the work will involve expanding the borrow areas in Spreading Areas A and B within the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). The expanded borrow pits will help construct a soil cap over the Subsurface Disposal Area (SDA) at the Radioactive Waste Management Complex (RWMC). During the cultural resources survey two new segments of Goodale's Cutoff of the Oregon Trail (10BM306) were identified in the Area of Potential Effect (APE).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.5, we have applied the criteria of effect to the proposed undertaking. The proposed undertaking will have an adverse effect to one section of the Goodale's Cutoff (10BM306) that meets the eligibility criteria by the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Based on the information received 28 July 2017, we concur and find the project actions will result in an **adverse effect** to historic properties.

We appreciate your consulting with our office and look forward to receiving the draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) discussing the most appropriate methods for mitigating or minimizing adverse impacts to the historic property. If you have any questions please contact me at elizabeth.witkowski@ishs.idaho.gov or (208) 488-7467.

Sincerely,

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