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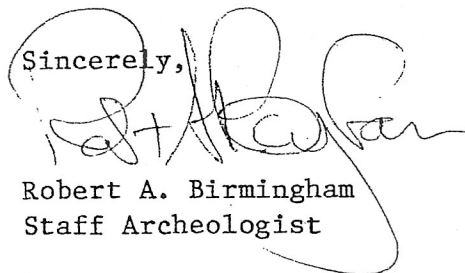
SHSW: 87-0338
RE: 135 Acre Flowage in Vernon Wildlife Area
ID: 2330

Dear Mr. Anderson:

We have reviewed the archeological report prepared for the above referenced DNR project. As indicated, one rather large prehistoric archeological site (Wk-397) was located as well as three sites that were previously recorded for the area (Wk 284, 334, 335). As recommended in the report, any of these sites that may be affected by construction of the flowage should be first evaluated for eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Normally, this would entail test excavations conducted throughout the area of the sites in order to establish age, nature, size, integrity, and significance of the archeological deposits. However, on the basis of the size and artifact density of Wk-397, I think we can pretty much assume that this site will be considered significant even if it lacked sub-surface integrity. Because of this, I think we need to carefully review the effect of the proposed flowage on this site (as well as the others). I think it would be a good idea to have an on-site meeting to discuss this point. Further, since continued agricultural activity will surely continue to destroy artifacts and any sub-surface features (hearth areas, storage pits, house areas, burials) that may exist in the area, we strongly recommend that the DNR discourage further plowing of this site area.

Please contact me as to a good time to meet concerning the above situation at (608) 262-2970.

Sincerely,



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