

# Dakota Research Services

## Cultural Resources Management

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Re: Black Hills Development – Preliminary cultural resources records search results

This letter summarizes the preliminary results of cultural resources records search research involving the Black Hills Development (BHD) property in the Ruby Flats/Englewood vicinity of Lawrence County, South Dakota. This records search research was conducted at the State Archaeological Research Center (SARC) in Rapid City, South Dakota. These records included National Register of Historic Places listings; an examination of digitized GIS maps; and on-line database site records for the BHD project area.

SARC records indicate four archaeological sites and one historic property had been previously recorded within the BHD project area. Each of these properties are described below:

A Gravel Pit (LA-000-01003) was recorded as a historic property in Section 8, T4N, R3E. This property is located near the north end of the BHD project area in the Wilderness Estates subdivision. The historical significance of this property has not been evaluated.

The Emmett Mine/National Shaft (39LA802) consists of the archaeological remains of a mine and associated artifact scatter located in the SW¼ of Section 8, T4N, R3E. This property is located southwest of the gravel pit at the north end of the BHD project area (in the Wilderness Estates subdivision). It appears this property is situated on the historic Golden Eagle mining claim (MS 1058). A determination of **Not Eligible** in terms of National Register of Historic Places eligibility criteria was recommended for this property.

Site 39LA830 is defined as an artifact scatter consisting of a car frame and chassis located in the SE¼ of Section 7, T4N, R3E. The remains were reported to be a late 1920s to early 1940s era car with a rumble-seat. A determination of **Not Eligible** in terms of National Register of Historic Places eligibility criteria was recommended for this property.

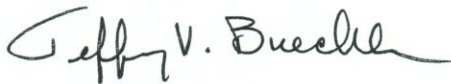
Site 39LA804 is defined as an artifact scatter consisting of a car frame and chassis located in the NE¼ of Section 18, T4N, R3E. The remains were reported to be a late 1930s to early 1940s era car. A determination of **Not Eligible** in terms of National Register of Historic Places eligibility criteria was recommended for this property.

Site 39LA805 is defined as an artifact scatter consisting of a single sanitary-type fruit can (8-ounce size) located in the SE¼ of Section 7, T4N, R3E. A determination of **Not Eligible** in terms of National Register of Historic Places eligibility criteria was recommended for this property.

The archaeological sites were recorded by a consulting company (Mariah Associates, Laramie, WY ?) at the request of Golden Reward; however, a final report was never received by the SARC. It appears that only the site forms were submitted. Information included with the site forms included a field map that appears to encompass the entire BHD project area. Based on this field map, I believe Golden Reward may have conducted a cultural resources inventory survey of the BHD project area to obtain a permit to conduct exploratory drilling. The results of the exploration likely determined the property did not have sufficient mineral value to retain for mine development.

Based on the site form information, the title of the report is "**Class III Cultural Resources Inventory of a Parcel in the Ruby Basin Associated with the Golden Reward Mining Company LP Exploratory Drilling Area.**" W. Harding prepared the site forms and may be the author (or one of the authors) of the report. This report was conducted in 1995. It is likely that Golden Reward/Wharf may retain copies of this report. I recommend that you or your clients seek to obtain a copy of this report to determine the extent of the 1995 inventory area and provide additional information regarding the survey results. If Golden Reward/Wharf do not have a copy, it is possible a copy may have been submitted to the SD Department of the Environment and Natural Resources as part of the drill permit application.

Respectfully submitted,



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