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Dear Ms. Russ:

I can try to help you out with some of the updates you requested, but it will take a little time. What is your deadline for this information?

With regard to the Programmatic Agreement, negotiations are still under way to revise the PA to cover the program during the development of the repository. The ORD is currently working under the stipulations of the old PA until a new PA is in place.

Hope I can help you out with your numbers in the very near future.

Regards,

Dave Rhode

Melissa Russ wrote:

> Hello Dr. Rhode:

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> I am employed by AGEISS Environmental, Inc. and am working as a  
 > contractor to DOE Yucca Mountain Project Office. We are updating the  
 > environmental record with studies that have occurred at Yucca Mountain  
 > since publication of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Feb.  
 > 2002).

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> Scott Wade of DOE suggested that I contact you for assistance. I have  
 > reviewed some of your reports for Task 16, including the final report,  
 > but would like help in updating the following information that is  
 > currently provided in the FEIS.

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> "Based on archaeological site file searches at the DRI in LV and Reno  
 > and at the Harry Reid Center at the University of NV, LV, approximately  
 > 830 archaeological sites have been discovered in the analyzed land  
 > withdrawal area. Most of the known archaeological sites are small  
 > scatters of lithic artifacts, usually comprised of fewer than 50  
 > artifacts with few formal tools and no temporally or culturally  
 > diagnostic artifacts in the inventory. None of the sites has been  
 > listed on the National Register of Historic Places, but 150 are  
 > considered by DOE to be eligible for nomination as historic properties  
 > based on the National Register eligibility criteria.

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> Table 3-21. Sites in the analyzed withdrawal area potentially eligible

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> for the National Register of Historic Places.

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> Temporary Camps - 43

> Extractive localities - 14

> Processing localities - 9

> Localities - 77

> Caches - 2

> Stations - 1

> Historic Sites - 4

> Total - 150"

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> Also, do you know the current status of the programmatic agreement for

> the conduct of cultural resources management during the licensing and

> repository development phases? Is it still undergoing revision?

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> Thank you for your time,

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Hi Melissa --

Mostly bookkeeping issues. Part of the answer lies in the fact that the original site counts included a number of sites which were subsequently combined with others, as additional information was gathered that showed they were part of the same artifact complex. Also, the numbers I gave you cover the YMP Withdrawal Area, as delineated in the FEIS but which may have been slightly modified or refined. The original counts also included some sites that were considered at the time to be part of the YMP area (e.g., part of the old YMP "Ranch," or up in upper Fortymile Canyon), but not within the withdrawal area as presently drawn. The numbers I gave you pertain strictly to the current YMP Withdrawal Area, what we're calling the Yucca Mountain Archaeological Management Area, which will be our area of control and management. Thanks for asking.

Dave

JONATHAN RUSS wrote:

- > Hello Dr. Rhode:
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- > Thanks for the update on cultural resources at Yucca Mountain. I wanted to
- > ask you for clarification on one thing. The FEIS said that there had been
- > 830 archaeological sites discovered in the proposed Yucca Mountain
- > withdrawal area, but your update said 760. I was wondering why the number
- > went down.
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- > Thanks for your assistance,
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