

APPENDIX D-3

ARCHAEOLOGY

In April 2009 ACR Consultants, Inc. conducted a Class III Cultural Resource Inventory on the lands included in Permit to Mine No. 281C - Amendment Area No. 7. Because this project is a mixture of federal and private ownership, two reports were generated. One report addresses the privately owned lands and the other addresses the federal lands within the amendment area.

Enclosed in separate notebooks are two copies of the report that addresses the results of the survey on private lands. The report that addresses the survey on federal lands has been provided to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Worland Field Office (BLM) and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

ACR revisited one site, recorded 4 new sites and 1 isolated resource during the inventory on private lands. The previously recorded site, 48WA1205, is determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Three sites are recommended not eligible for the NRHP. One site (48WA2183) is left unevaluated pending additional testing and research.

At the recommendation of Mr. Mike Bies, BLM Archaeologist, the contributing features within site 48WA1205 have been fenced and are identified as "No Disturbance" areas. Mining activities will not disturb these features. Site 48WA2183, which has been described as "unevaluated" pending further testing will also be fenced in order to prevent the encroachment of mining activities into this area.