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Attention: Robert Upton
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Subject: *Archaeological Survey, Site Inspection and Mitigation Recommendations,
Nevada City Tech Center (NCTC) Project, Nevada County, California.*

Dear Mr. Upton:

Per request, Genesis Society has completed an archaeological survey and site inspection involving a portion of the NCTC project area. The present Area of Potential Effects (APE) includes a proposed housing development known as *The Grove*. The present APE is situated adjacent to the west side of Providence Mine Road, and adjacent to the east side of the *original* Providence Mine Road, approximately ½-mile west of State Route 20/49, within the City of Nevada City, Nevada County, California.

The proposed tasks for this project involved review of Storm's 1978 cultural resources investigation of the property, conduct an intensive-level pedestrian survey of the proposed housing area, examination of two previously recorded historic-era sites located within the APE, and recommendations for treatment of these two resources.

According to information and records at the North Central Information Center at CSU-Sacramento, the entire NCTC property was subjected to archaeological survey by Storm (1978) in conjunction with his study titled *Cultural Resources Investigations of the Champion Mine Property*. Storm had identified numerous sites during this survey, primarily historic-era mining-related features (waste rock piles, glory holes, adits, shafts, reservoirs, ditches, etc.). Two of these sites (E-11 and E-29) are described as a mine dump and mine test holes, respectively, and are plotted on maps as being located within the present APE.

Storm's discussion of E-11 indicates that this site is located within, "...the Peck No. 1 claim and it appears that it was called the Crosby shaft, and was about 200 feet deep on an incline to the northeast. While the date of establishment is not known, a map symbol representing a waste dump does appear on the 1896 Lingren topography map in the same area of the property as E-11 does" (Storm 1978:18). Later, Storm indicates that the "[l]arger mine test pits such as E-29...could have been the testing for the mine site E-26, South Providence Extension" (ibid.). In both cases, Storm indicates that these two sites represent either preliminary exploration for ore, or the byproduct of mining. More importantly, Storm indicated that "[a]n evaluation of the 34

sites using the criteria of the National Register of Historic Places did not immediately produce any which could indeed qualify for inclusion on the National Register. Most of the sites do not have the high degree of attribute integrity needed for listing" (Storm 1978:24). Storm's evaluation of the 34 sites included both E-11 and E-29. Thus, Storm concluded that neither resource qualified as an historic property, per Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The present field survey examined all of the proposed housing APE, which includes both of the aforementioned sites. The sites were relocated, and determined to essentially consist of amorphous landscape modifications, without intentional design, and lacking any built environmental features or formed artifacts. Further, decades of erosion have likely altered the original shape of these piles and pits, while vegetation growth has further compromised the original features. Finally, limited disturbance was observed in the form of recent perc/mantle excavation pits and limited vegetation removal. Overall, and consistent with Storm's 1978 recommendation, neither site represents an historic property eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, and neither represents a significant historical resource or unique archaeological resource per CEQA.

No additional prehistoric or historic-era resources were observed within the APE during the present survey. Consequently, no further treatment or consideration is warranted for the present APE, and the author's recommendation is that no historic properties/significant historical resources/unique archaeological resources will be affected by the student housing project.

If you or any review agencies have questions concerning our findings or recommendations, please don't hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely Yours,



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