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> On Jun 4, 2016 8:03 AM, "Doershuk, John F" <[john-doershuk@uiowa.edu](mailto:john-doershuk@uiowa.edu)> wrote:

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> Jim, Sara, and James:

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> Thank you for an interesting and productive (if wet) onsite meeting yesterday concerning the character and disposition of archaeological site 13LO335 (as known in the Iowa Site File)—a place of significant cultural and historical importance to the Upper Sioux Community, Standing Rock Sioux tribe, and other Sioux.

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> I'm writing to restate the opinion and recommendation I offered verbally yesterday at the meeting: I attended in the main to learn of the tribal commitment to this place. The large number of elders who made the journey and the extended (almost two hours) discussion they engaged in followed by the detailed information and context provided by Jon Eagle Standing Rock THPO and Tim Mentz to the state and federal agency representatives in attendance makes it evident that this place, the material remains it houses and its intangible traditional cultural aspects, are well understood and appreciated by modern Native American descendants of ancestral populations who used the Big Sioux River valley and surrounding area as part of their cultural way of being and continues today. Therefore, OSA recommends that 13LO335 be considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under at least criterion D and also protected under the Iowa Code sections protecting ancient human remains. The site is to be avoided and protected in place. As I stated in a previous email, no one (including professional archaeologists or biological anthropologists) may conduct any sort of ground-disturbing activity or investigation at or near the location of 13LO335 without my prior written permission or that of my Bioarchaeologist, Dr. Lara Noldner. You may assume that all of the eastern one-half of the Big Sioux Wildlife Management Area (tract confidential) overlapping the DAPL proposed project right-of-way in Lyon County, Iowa should be considered "at or near the location of 13LO335." DNR as the land-managing agency should do whatever reasonable steps they can protect the area and site from disturbance.

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> We look forward to participating in the consultation process for this important location.

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> John F. Doershuk, Ph.D.

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> State Archaeologist of Iowa