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Dear Mr. Donaldson,

Enclosed for your review is a Cultural Resource Inventory Report for the Blue Ledge Mine Reclamation Project, which is located on both private and National Forest lands (Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District) in Siskiyou County, California. The report documents a previously known, but undocumented, historic (ca. 1905-1920) feature found on private land, as well as re-examines the locations of two additional, previously recorded, historic sites. All of these cultural sites are located outside of the Area of Potential Effect.

The Blue Ledge Mine Reclamation Project is funded as part of the "Economic Stimulus Act" of 2009, and is designed to restore the ecological viability of a perennial stream (Joe Creek) previously contaminated from byproducts of an intense copper mining operation occurring in the early 20th century. Cultural resource survey of the project "Areas of Potential Effect" resulted in negative results. The Forest Archaeologist has determined the project to be a "no historic properties" undertaking. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact Forest Archaeologist Janet Joyer, at 541-618-2200 or jjoyer@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

/s/ Scott D. Conroy
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