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RE: Black Butte Copper Project Area; Meagher County, Montana

Dear Lynn:

Thank you for the letter (received January 24, 2013) regarding the Cultural Resource Inventory of 970 Acres in the Black Butte Copper Project Area in Meagher County, Montana. We appreciate Tintina Resources recognizing the importance of conducting a cultural resource inventory prior to constructing the proposed mine portal, decline and surface waste rock dumps.

After review of the provided documentation, we agree with Tetra Tech's recommendation that 24ME0158 (log building), 24ME0159 (mine shaft), 24ME0936 (Butte Creek Road) and 24ME0940 (log cabin residence) are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). We also agree with Tetra Tech's recommendation that six of the seven newly identified lithic scatters (24ME0160, 24ME0161, 24ME0162, 24ME0164, 24ME0165 and 24ME0166) are potentially eligible under Criterion D. Therefore, we encourage Tintina Resources to avoid impacting these sites until further testing is completed to formally determine their NRHP eligibility.

In regard to the *Pedestrian Inventory and Testing for National Register Eligibility at Site 24ME163 in the Black Butte Copper Project Area, Meagher County, Montana*, we concur that 24ME0163 is eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion D. Since 24ME0163 has the potential to provide valuable information on prehistoric lifeways, we strongly recommend Tintina Resources hire a qualified archaeologist to monitor all road construction activities within the designated site boundary.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (406) 444-0388 or kore@mt.gov. Thank you for consulting with us.

Sincerely,



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