NRCS CULTURAL RESOURCES TRIP REPORT vt-ecs-1

To: George Tucker **Date(s) Visited:** 11/3/2014 **CR Review Number:** vtad2414

Office Assisted: Middlebury **FY:** 14 **Fund:** EQIP **Customer:**

Town: Bridport **County:** Addison **State** Vermont **USGS Quad:** Snake Mountain

Code	Practice	Length	Width	Depth	Units	Slope%	Soil
362	Diversion (2)	1400	15	2	feet	8-15	Farmington stony silt loam
468	Lined Waterway or Outlet	200	12	2	feet	8-15	Farmington stony silt loam

Project Description: **Review Type:** site visit

On November 3, 2014 George Tucker and I examined the area of potential effect for the proposed diversion and lined waterway practices located along an unnamed tributary of the East Branch of Dead Creek. Such environmental settings along natural drainages were often used by precontact Native Americans as habitation or special use sites. Any disturbance to intact soils within this archeologically sensitive landform has the potential to adversely affect significant cultural resources.

Results:

The lined waterway and easternmost diversion practice are located on moderately steep 8-15% slopes and more than 250 feet from the closest natural drainage with sufficient flow that could have provided areas suitable for precontact Native American habitation or special use sites. The westernmost diversion that is located at the base of the moderately steep 8-15% slope is an existing diversion that will be rebuilt within the footprint of the original diversion. There will be no disturbance to any intact archeologically sensitive soils. No precontact or historic period artifacts or cultural features were identified during the archeological resources assessment of this project. It is unlikely that installation of these practices will adversely affect any significant cultural resources.

As the project is currently designed it does not appear that any important archeological sites or properties listed in or considered eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be affected by installation of the diversion or lined waterway practices. A finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" was made for the proposed _ Farm conservation project because there will be no disturbance to any archeologically sensitive soils and because no artifacts or cultural features were identified during the investigation. No further cultural resources review is required at this time for these specific practices. Additional cultural resources review will be required if the location, depth or extent of any practice changes, if access roads, borrow or spoil areas are needed, or if unexpected archeological deposits are exposed during construction.

Determination of Effect: **No Historic Properties Affected**

Agree-To-Actions:

Additional cultural resources review will be required if there are modifications to the project design that includes changes in the location or extent of earth moving activities, if borrow or spoil areas are needed, or if unexpected archeological resources are exposed during construction.

Recommended Follow up:

None required unless any of the criteria in Agreed-to-Actions above have been met.

Recorded Site(s) The precontact site VT-AD-1015 is located about 3,000 feet southeast of the project area.

Sensitivity Rank: **Site(s) Identified:** none

NRHP Eligibility: **Site Number(s):** none

Signed: _____ **Title: Archeologist**