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**Re: McLane and Goldman Dams Feasibility Study
Milford, New Hampshire
NHDHR R&C#2245**

Dear Ms. St. Louis:

Thank you for providing the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources' (NHDHR) comments on the cultural resource management reports prepared by the Public Archaeology Laboratory (PAL) in conjunction with the McLane and Goldman Dams Feasibility Study. While the feasibility study has not yet been completed and we have not determined what, if any, action will be undertaken at the two dams, I am writing to request additional information regarding the NHDHR's opinion that the structures are eligible as contributing resources with a District for listing in the National Register. That opinion is at odds with PAL's recommendation that the dams are not eligible because they lack integrity. In light of NHDHR's comments on the Individual Inventory Forms prepared for the dams, NOAA requested that PAL provide a more thorough evaluation in accordance with National Register guidelines for assessing integrity. The results of PAL's evaluation are included in the enclosed report entitled "McLane and Goldman Dams National Register Integrity Assessment."

NOAA requests that NHDHR review PAL's report and offer additional information that either supports or refutes its conclusions. Any information that you provide will be valuable in resolving the competing professional opinions before us, and will be used to make informed determinations of eligibility for the dams pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(c)(2).

NOAA looks forward to receiving a response to this request and continuing consultation with your office regarding this project. If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure



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