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**LAC DU FLAMBEAU BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA INDIANS
TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Division of Historic Preservation

May 20, 2014

Carolyn Lurvey
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Dear Ms. Lurvey:

This letter is being written to notify you that a Phase I archaeological survey was completed on the Clear Lake Aggregate Source, located in W ½ of the SW ¼ of Section 26, and the W ½ of the NW ¼, of Section 35, of Township 40 North, Range 4 East, all within the Lac du Flambeau Reservation, Vilas County, Wisconsin. One archaeological site was identified.

The attached report contains the information regarding the site. It is recommended that a buffer around the site is established to avoid directly impacting the site area. We are available to meet with you or other persons to see the site area that should be avoided.

If this contingency is followed, there will be NO EFFECT on historic properties eligible for the National Registers of Historic Places.

I also want to thank you for contacting us about this project. We appreciate your patience with our working schedule. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Melinda J. Young
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosures: Archaeological Report of Field Investigations
Invoice

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It is the mission of the Lac du Flambeau Cultural Committee and the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Historic Preservation Office to promote, educate, enhance, identify, encourage, and preserve cultural and traditional activities, materials, and areas for the benefit of future generations. We shall also defend all ancestral burials and traditional cultural properties from disinterment or desecration.

REPORT OF FIELD INVESTIGATIONS
LAC DU FLAMBEAU TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

Report#: 14-001

Green Sheet#

Project Name Island City Dray Gravel Quarries

Other Report#

Section 106 Project: Yes

Chapter 66 Project No

Permit#:

Project Description

Proposed expansion of existing gravel pits used by Island City Dray.

Primary Legal Location NE 1/4, SW 1/4, and SE 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 34, T41N, R5E, and W 1/2, SW 1/4, Section 26, and W1/2, NW 1/4, Section 35, T40N, R4E

Subdivision/Town Plat

USGS Quad Map Fence Lake; Lac du Flambeau

Land Ownership Non-Tribal

Acres: 66; 150

Investigation Date: 2014

Principal Investigator LaRonge

Field Personnel: Young; Melugin

Project Area History/Archival Results

The CTH-D site has been partial investigated by Tribal Surveys 01-055T and 04-032T. One historic property was noted within the boundaries of this area (LDF-080). The Clear Lake Road parcel has a single Tribal Survey, #01-055T. No historic properties were reported as part of that survey.

Investigation Methodology:

historic records, pedestrian survey

Description of Investigation

Pedestrian walkover was conducted for the Clear Lake Road source area. Transect were traversed at a 15 m interval in an east west orientation. The existing quarry was circumscribed via GPS to remove it from the archaeological survey area as it was extensively impacted well below any human occupation layer already.

Investigation Results:

Two archaeological sites were noted as a result of the archival review and field survey for this project. The first Site LDF-080 is a religious shrine build alongside CTH-D and was determined to be within the buffer area between the road and mining activities. The second archaeological site, LDF-325, is a small can midden possibly associated with Tribal Allotment #2 given to Nawakwabijibokwe. The midden consists of several oil cans, one cone top can (possibly beer although likely brake fluid), and one large commodity sized can. One of the oil cans had the Brand name Kool Motor embossed on it. The Kool Motor brand was issued by the Cities Service Company in 1927. The midden is roughly 5m in diameter and rests within 5m of the tree line along STH-70. A flag was left in place marked LDF-THPO 2014.

Present Vegetation:

maple; white and red pine; young and mature aspen; hemlock

Modern Land Use: forested, gravel quarry

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Drainage System: Chippewa River

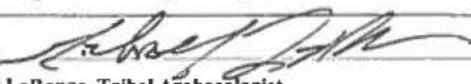
Nearest Water: Raven Lake; Broken Bow Lake; Clear Lake

Landform upland; wetland edge

Tribal Site Numbers: LDF-080; LDF-325

Contingencies:

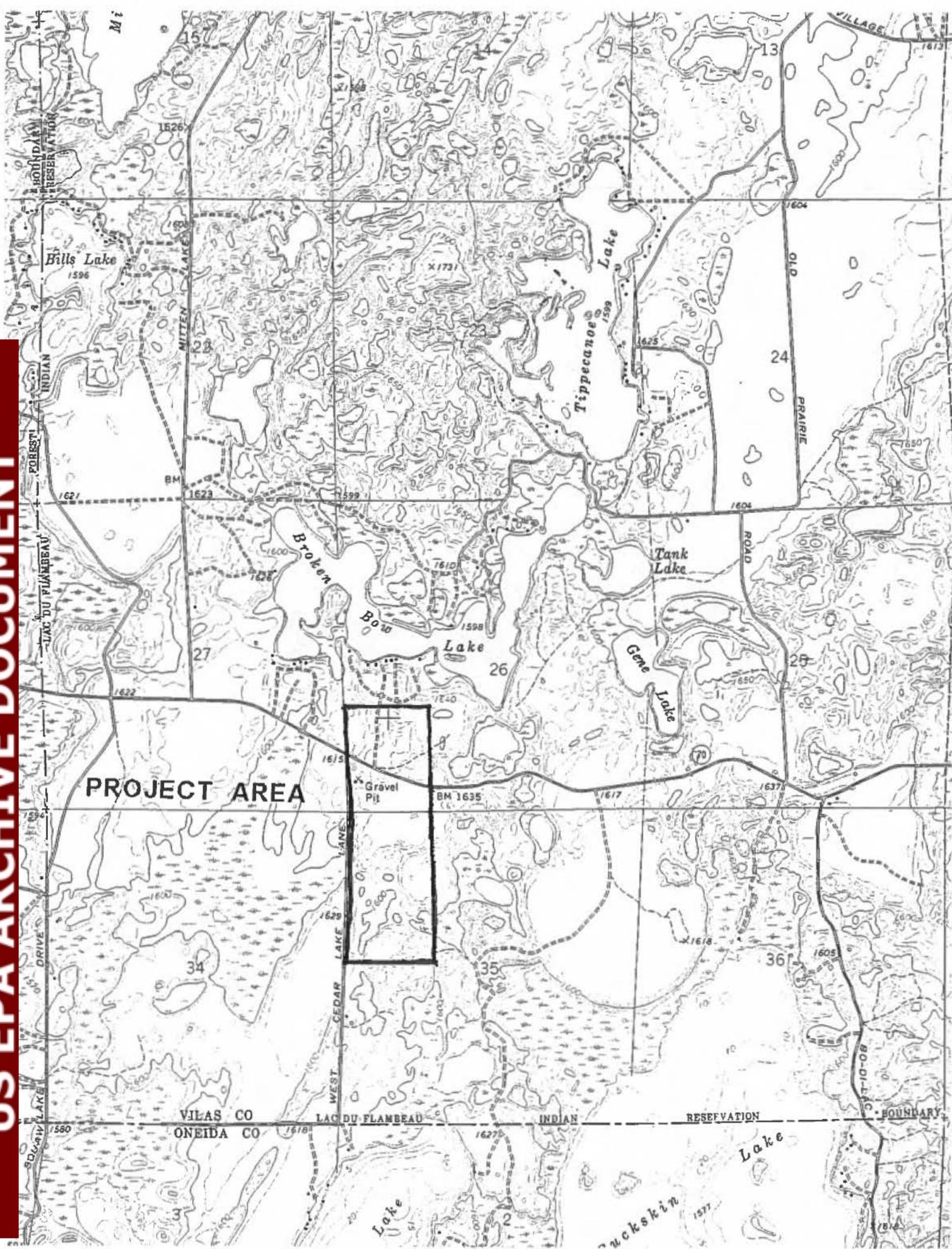
Both archaeological sites are within the required buffer area between quarrying activities and the adjacent roadway, CTH-D in the case of LDF-080 and STH-70 in the case of LDF-315. If avoided there will be No Adverse Effect on either historic property by current mining activities. The EPA will be made aware of the Tribes opinions regarding these two archaeological sites.

Signed:  Date: 5/19/2017
Michael LaRonge, Tribal Archaeologist

Recommendation Approved: X
Recommendation Denied: _____ Reason for Denial: _____

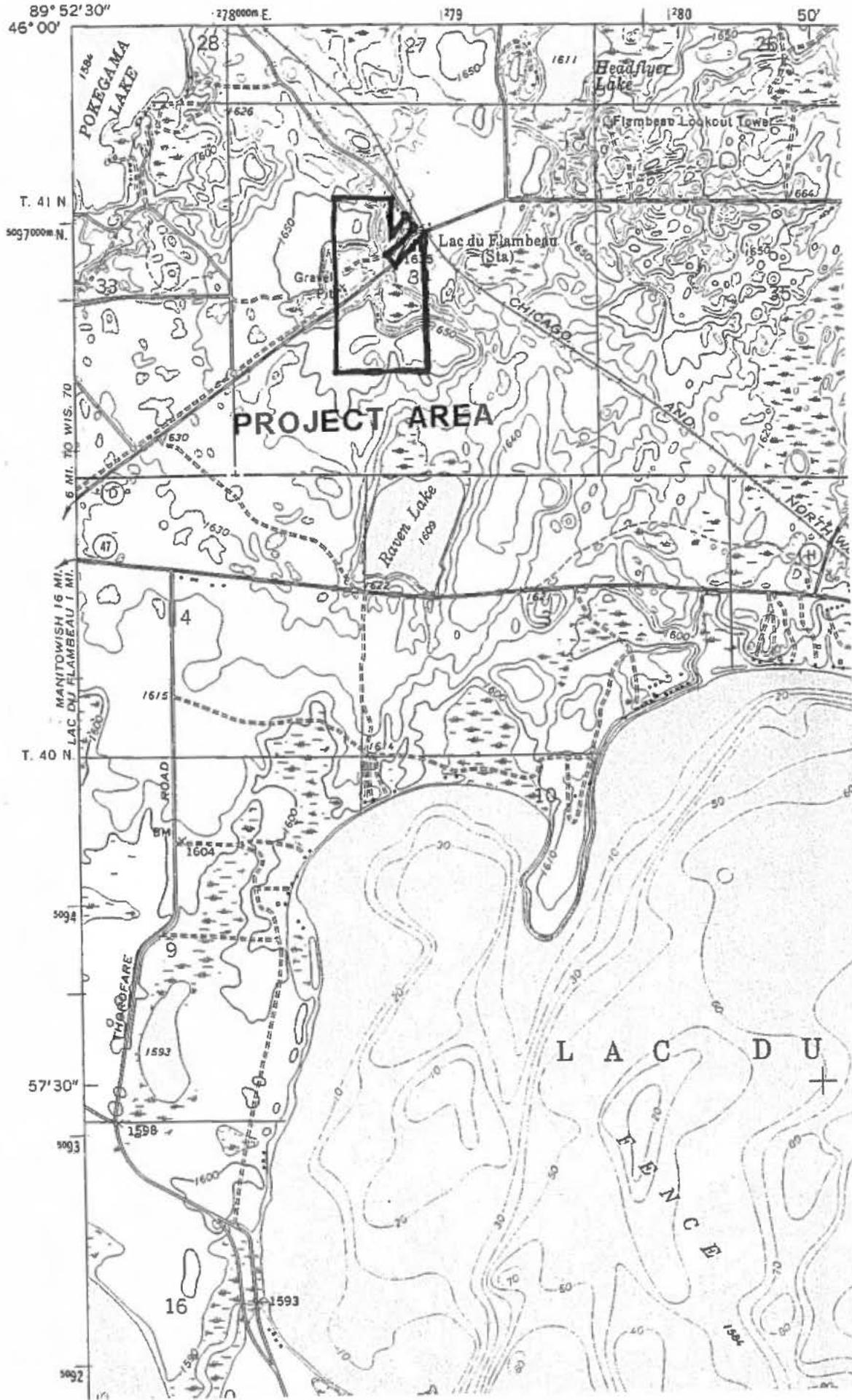
Signed:  Date: 5/15/14
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