[Insert Date]

Mr. Hector Santiago

National Parks Service

Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance Program

Midwest Regional Office

601 Riverside Drive

Omaha, NE 68102

Re: [Insert Project Name and Project Number]

Dear Mr. Santiago:

For the purpose of complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 5(d) of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 USC 1271-1287), [Insert Project Sponsor], in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration and the Iowa Department of Transportation, is initiating consultation with the National Parks Service regarding the [Insert Project Title and Location].

[Insert Detailed Project Description Similar to the Following Text]Allamakee County proposes to replace the Stone House Bridge which spans the Yellow River south and east of Myron, Iowa on W-4B (Yellow River Dr.). This portion of the river is listed on the National Rivers Inventory. The project entails removing the existing bridge and replacing it with a 226’4” x 30’ bridge on the existing alignment. Due to a substandard horizontal curve on the east end of the bridge, construction will include grading a 600-ft approach east of the bridge and a 700-ft approach west of the bridge.

The Iowa Department of Transportation has determined the project is not likely to have an adverse affect on the Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORVs) of the [Insert River Name] and the project will not effectively foreclose wild, scenic or recreational status on them.

A location map and plan sheets for the project are attached to this letter. Please review the proposed project and provide your comments to the Iowa Department of Transportation Your response within 30 days of receipt of this letter would be appreciated. If you have any questions about the project please contact [Insert Document Manager’s Name, Phone Number and Email]

Sincerely,

[Insert Document Manager Name]

Iowa Department of Transportation

Enclosures:

Location Map

Plan Sheets

cc:

[Local Contact], [County or City]

[Local Engineer], IADOT

Mike LaPietra, FHWA

[FHWA Engineer], FHWA