



June 4, 2021

Angela Martinez, Regional Director  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
1244 Speer Boulevard, Suite 431  
Denver, CO 80204

Dear Ms. Martinez:

North Dakota is proud to support the Frost Fire Park and the Pembina Gorge Foundation's application for Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding to complete infrastructure improvements and enhancements at their facility near Walhalla, N.D.

Frost Fire Park is a hidden gem in heart of the Pembina Gorge in the Rendezvous Region of northeastern North Dakota. We are grateful for the work the Pembina Gorge Foundation has done to continue service and expand operations at Frost Fire. The improvements made in recent years, along with infrastructure work they plan to complete with EDA assistance, will better serve the people of North Dakota and help create healthy, vibrant communities in the region.

Attractions such as Frost Fire Park inspire people to visit and embrace North Dakota's people, culture and remarkable landscape. We invite travelers to experience our thriving communities as places in which they could see themselves working, living and playing. It's what we mean when we invite people to "Be Legendary."

The State of North Dakota has legislatively appropriated \$1.65 million in state funding over the last two biennia for infrastructure enhancements at Frost Fire. North Dakota is financially vested in this project as a commitment to improving the quality of life for residents of the Rendezvous Region. Improvements to the park have the potential to benefit the area by creating jobs and drawing larger numbers of economically impactful visitors while retaining and attracting much-needed workforce to North Dakota.

Thank for considering this application. We are grateful for everything you do to promote and support economic development in our communities, state and nation.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug Burgum".

Doug Burgum  
Governor