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Dear Director Masica

Thank you for comments provided on 23 December 2013 by your regional staff concerning the draft version of the programmatic agreement (PA) and its 36 CFR 800.11(e) Supporting Documentation regarding the proposed Powder River Training Complex (PRTC) undertaking. This letter forwards Air Force responses to your staff's comments (Atchs 1-2), along with an updated version of the PA (Atch 3) and its supporting documentation (Atch 4).

The comments retain NPS numbering but are arranged logically to follow pagination throughout the PA and the support document. Note that attachment 2 is an overview that describes in layperson's terms how the Air Force would fly in the PRTC during routine operations and occasional large force exercises. We request your consideration of these read ahead documents, which represent the Air Force's proposed best solution to resolve potential adverse effects during implementation of the PRTC undertaking, if approved.

After coordination with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, we plan on forwarding the final version of the PA for signature by the consulting parties in about a week. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at 605-385-2801, or my airspace manager and tribal liaison, Mr. George Stone, at 605-385-1260, or [george.stone@ellsworth.af.mil](mailto:george.stone@ellsworth.af.mil).

Sincerely

  
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**4 Attachments**

- 1. NPS comments and Air Force responses**
- 2. Supplementary USAF comments on Military Flying Operations in the Proposed PRTC**
- 3. Programmatic Agreement**
- 4. Section 106 Supporting Documentation**