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Dear Mr. Vogt

Thank you for South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) comments dated 22 November 2013 and 3 March 2014 on the draft programmatic agreement (PA) for the Powder River Training Complex (PRTC). We have considered these and similar comments from other SHPOs, Tribes, and federal agencies. The attached spreadsheet (Atch 1) lists your specific comments and Air Force (AF) responses to each.

Please note that many of our responses key to a summary document, also attached (Atch 2), which explains in a non-technical, summary fashion how the AF proposes that it would operate routinely and during infrequent large force exercises over or near sensitive historic properties in the PRTC. Over the past months we made substantial changes to the 6 November 2013 draft PA in response to consulting party concerns, including those from South Dakota. It is, therefore, with gratitude that we acknowledge the helpful participation of Ms. Paige Olson in helping us resolve concerns about potential effects to historic properties in South Dakota.

The willingness expressed in your 3 March 2014 letter to sign the PA is appreciated. We are providing the revised PA (Atch 3) and supporting documentation (Atch 4) for your read ahead consideration, as we are doing with the other consulting parties. Our plan is to formally provide the PA to the consulting parties for signature within the next week, after final review by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

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