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Standing Rock Sioux Tribe  
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Dear Mr. Archambault

First, I congratulate you on your recent election as Chairman of the Standing Rock Tribal Council. Ellsworth Air Force Base looks forward to continuing our interaction with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe under your administration.

Since 2008 Ellsworth Air Force Base has been coordinating with your Council and your THPO Office regarding the Powder River Training Complex (PRTC) airspace action. As we continue the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 consultation process regarding the PRTC, I attach for your review and comment the updated NHPA Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (PA); an earlier version was sent to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in August 2012 prior to the 21 September 2012 Virtual Consultation. Included as an attachment to the PA is a revised and updated version of the Section 106 Documentation Package sent to your Tribe in 2010, prior to the PRTC Public Hearings.

The attached PA, prepared in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.14(b)(3) and with the assistance of the consulting parties, is intended to resolve impacts from low-level overflights to sensitive cultural, historic, and religious properties on tribal lands and elsewhere within the affected area. This PA would legally bind the Air Force with commitments to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects to historic properties, including those of cultural and religious significance.

The included Section 106 Documentation Package contains the following items required by 36 CFR §§ 800.3 through 800.5:

- A description of the undertaking, including maps;
- A description of the steps to identify historic properties;
- A description of the affected historic properties;
- A preliminary discussion of effects; and
- A description of Native American consultation and public involvement completed to date.

Before distributing the PA for signature, we ask each of our consulting parties to perform a final review and to notify us of any errors within the next 30 days. Please feel free to contact me directly at 605-385-2801, or my airspace manager and tribal liaison, Mr. George Stone at 605-385-1260, george.stone@ellsworth.af.mil. I am sending a courtesy copy of this information to your THPO (Ms. Young).

Sincerely



KEVIN B. KENNEDY, Colonel, USAF

Attachment:  
Current Programmatic Agreement

cc:  
Ms. Young