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Subject: Invitation ot Participate in Sec 106 Consultaion

Nancy,

The Air Force, and more specifically Air Combat Command (ACC) and Ellsworth AFB, proposes to expand its current Powder River Training Complex (PRTC) from a fly-over area of approximately 14,800 square miles to as much as 37,800 square miles. A Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for this proposal was published in the Federal Register on 29 May 2008.

The proposed expansion of the PRTC has the potential to directly impact four states (North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming) and four Indian Reservations (the Cheyenne River in South Dakota, the Standing Rock in North and South Dakota, and the Northern Cheyenne and Crow in Montana). Other tribes not a part of these reservations may also attach religious and/or cultural significance to the areas affected and thus become consulting parties in the Section 106 process.

During June and July 2008, public scoping meetings were held at numerous locations affected by the proposed range expansion both on and off the reservations. Many written public comments were received that will be considered and addressed in the EIS.

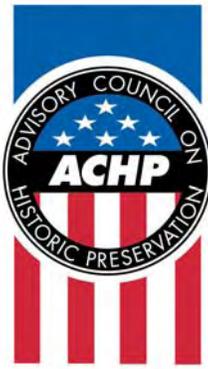
Colonel Vander Hamm, Commander, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, SD, has met on a government-to-government basis with leaders of the four primary tribes to explain the proposal and how they and their reservations may have the potential to be affected by training missions. These meetings were held prior to the public scoping meetings.

Pursuant to CFR 36 Part 800, I would like to take this opportunity to invite the ACHP to participate in further Section 106 consultation along with the appropriate SHPOs and/or THPOs affected by or having an interest in the PRTC expansion proposal. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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December 3, 2008

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REF: Proposed Expansion of the Powder River Training Complex

Dear Mr. Morgenstern:

On December 1, 2008, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) received your notification for the referenced project which was submitted in accordance with Section 800.6(a)(1) of our regulations, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800). Unfortunately, the background documentation included with your submission does not meet the specifications listed in Section 800.11(e). We, therefore, are unable to determine whether Appendix A of the regulations, *Criteria for Council Involvement in Reviewing Individual Section 106 Cases*, applies to this undertaking. Accordingly, we request that you submit the following information so that we can determine whether our participation is warranted:

- A description of the undertaking, including photographs, maps, drawings, as necessary;
- A description of the steps to identify historic properties;
- A description of the affected historic properties;
- A description of the undertaking's effect on historic properties;
- An explanation of why the criteria of adverse effect were found applicable or inapplicable; and
- Copies or summaries of any views provided by consulting parties and the public, including comments from the Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, Indian tribes, and the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs)

Upon receipt of the additional information, we will notify you within 15-days of our decision. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Nancy Brown at 202-606-8582, or via email at nbrown@achp.gov.

Sincerely,

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From: Morgenstern, John E Civ USAF ACC 28 CES/CEANN [John.Morgenstern@ellsworth.af.mil]
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To: Nancy Brown
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Subject: Proposed Expansion of the Powder River Training Complex

Nancy,

I am writing to let you know I (we) have not forgotten or overlooked the ACHP letter dated December 3, 2008, (*REF: Proposed Expansion of the Powder River Training Complex*) requesting additional information/background documentation per 36 CRF Part 800, Section 800.11 (e). Most of the additional background documentation has been compiled; however, some significant details of the proposed undertaking are still being developed and coordinated between the Air Force and the FAA.

When details have been finalized, a description of the proposed undertaking along with the other background documentation will be forwarded to your office as requested.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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