



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 28TH BOMB WING (ACC)
ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE SOUTH DAKOTA**

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Carl Venne, Chairman
Crow Tribal Council
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Dear Chairman Venne

I respectfully request a Government-to-Government consultation to discuss a proposal to establish a Military Operations Area (MOA) (Atch 1), in an area that overlies a portion of the Crow Indian Reservation.

The 28th Bomb Wing would prefer to personally meet with you and discuss the proposed airspace modifications and alternatives to the proposal to meet training needs of B-1 pilots at Ellsworth AFB SD and B-52 pilots from Minot AFB ND prior to the Air Force publicly releasing a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. Public notification is tentatively scheduled for spring of 2008 and numerous public scoping meetings are being planned shortly after in the affected areas of Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, and South Dakota (Atch 2). The scoping meetings were chosen based on their location to the proposed action and in areas we feel would obtain the most comprehensive public outreach. If you would like the Air Force to hold a separate scoping meeting for members of the Crow Tribe, please let me know or have a representative contact Ms. Linda DeVine (Air Combat Command Project Manager) at 757-764-9434 by March 10, 2008 to discuss details.

The scoping meetings will be held in an open-house format where Air Force representatives will describe the proposed action and alternatives, the National Environmental Policy Act process which we are undertaking, outline opportunities for public involvement, and answer questions the public might have on the proposal. Public notification and details of the scoping meetings will be published in the Federal Register and local papers in advance.

Please contact me at (605) 385-2801 or 1Lt Lauren Wright, public affairs, at (605) 385-5056.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott A. Vander Hamm".

SCOTT A. VANDER HAMM, COLONEL, USAF

Attachments:
Map
Scoping Locations