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Mr. Kevin Keckler, Chairman
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Council
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Dear Chairman Keckler

I am writing this letter to keep you up to date on the ongoing Powder River Training Complex (PRTC) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. As directed by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and 36 CFR Part 800, Protection of Historic Properties, we have documented the concerns submitted and worked to address them in the EIS. Although we plan on a regular and ongoing relationship with the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, I wanted to let you know that I will be sending an update to my superiors in March of this year. I intend this to serve as a final update prior to publication of the EIS.

I would like to thank you for graciously hosting our 18 Oct meeting and your staff's continued efforts in this process. Your representative, Mr. In The Woods, has been very supportive and has helped forge what we hope will become a lasting and productive relationship. I acknowledge and will include the council's stated preference for the "no action" alternative in my update. I would also like to take this opportunity to ask if there are any further concerns that I can include, thereby ensuring they are incorporated in the Final EIS.

Please contact me directly at 605-385-2801 or via e-mail at 28bw.cc@ellsworth.af.mil, or feel free to have your representative contact my tribal liaison, Mr. George Stone at 605-385-1260, george.stone@ellsworth.af.mil.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. E. Weatherington", written over a horizontal line.

MARK E. WEATHERINGTON, Colonel USAF