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Linda DeVine, REM
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Dear Ms. DeVine:

The Northern Cheyenne Tribe appreciates your understanding in postponing the August 18, 2008, consultation meeting between your office and the Northern Cheyenne Tribe in Lame Deer, Montana regarding the Powder River Training Complex (PRTC).

The Tribe is very interested in continuing the dialogue we have begun in order to address our concerns about the PRTC. As agreed to, we will forward to your office the results of the Tribe's internal comment-gathering process as part of our overall effort to provide the Air Force with information central to our concerns about this project. We hope that this information will provide your office with sufficient opportunity to review and analyze the impacts of the PRTC on the resources of greatest importance to the Tribe and to the surrounding rural communities. We intend to submit the Tribe's comments as part of the scoping process within two (2) weeks after the original date for the consultation meeting – August 18, 2008, which is consistent with our previous agreement to an extension of the deadline for the Tribe's scoping comments.

On August 8, 2008, the Tribe inadvertently submitted a letter commenting on the PRTC "Draft EIS." This was actually one of internal comments the Tribe is gathering from its agencies and was not intended to be provided directly to the Air Force. The comments from that letter will be incorporated into a broader tribal comment letter that will be submitted by early September, as discussed above.

As a result of the upcoming national and tribal elections, we are postponing our government-to-government meeting until the Northern Cheyenne Tribe has had an opportunity to review the PRTC and develop the Tribe's internal comments. The PRTC is a very important issue for the Tribe and the Reservation, and we want to take every opportunity to insure that our interests are heard and addressed by your agency. During the interim period, we will continue to work with you and your staff to address the Northern Cheyenne Tribe's concerns regarding this project.

LITTLE WOLF AND MORNING STAR - Out of defeat and exile they led us back to Montana and won our Cheyenne homeland that we will keep forever.

If you have any questions, please call my office at 406-477-6285.

Sincerely,


Geri Small, President
Northern Cheyenne Tribe

cc: Danny Sioux, Rosebud County Commissioner
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