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Dear Mr. Beck

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the progress of the Powder River Training Complex (PRTC). Several events have transpired since my last letter:

1. 04 Sep 2014 the PRTC Programmatic Agreement (PA) was executed by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.
2. In accordance with the stipulations of the PA, I have designated Colonel Ty Neuman, my Vice Commander, as our Senior Tribal Liaison. Colonel Neuman was my choice not just due to his Vice Commander position; he will also have continuity when I am reassigned this summer.
3. Also stipulated in the PA is an annual request for information pertaining to any additional historic properties identified within the past year. If you, or your staff, have additional information, please let us know.
4. On 28 Nov 2014 the Air Force released the PRTC Final Environmental Impact Statement.
5. On 16 Jan 2015 the Air Force issued its Record of Decision approving PRTC.
6. As you know on 24 Mar 2015 FAA HQ approved PRTC as well.

There are still important steps remaining before the Air Force can begin training within the expanded airspace. We are aware FAA will require time to incorporate PRTC into the electronic databases as well as paper and electronic charts and publications that make up the National Airspace System. Although we do not know the precise timeline of these actions, rest assured that we will coordinate with you and your staff to officially notify you prior to the first training flight into PRTC.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at 605-385-2801, or my airspace manager and PRTC liaison, Mr. George Stone, at 605-385-1260, or [george.stone@ellsworth.af.mil](mailto:george.stone@ellsworth.af.mil).

Sincerely

  
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