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Dear Mr. Paaverud

As you know, the Air Force has been consulting with various federal agencies and state and tribal historic preservation offices on the proposed Powder River Training Complex (PRTC) airspace action. The attached National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (PA), prepared in accordance with 36 CFR 800.14(b)(3) and with the assistance of the consulting parties, addresses agency and tribal concerns raised during consultations and is intended to resolve impacts to sensitive cultural, historic, and religious properties on tribal lands and elsewhere within the affected area. This PA would legally bind the Air Force with commitments to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects to historic properties. The supporting 36 CFR 800.11(e) documentation has been updated since the 2010 version and is also attached for your use.

Before distributing the PA for signature, we ask each of our consulting parties to perform a final review and to notify us of any errors within the next 30 days. Please feel free to contact me directly at 605-385-2801, or my airspace manager and tribal liaison, Mr. George Stone at 605-385-1260, [george.stone@ellsworth.af.mil](mailto:george.stone@ellsworth.af.mil).

Sincerely

  
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Attachment  
Programmatic Agreement