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Crow Tribe
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Dear Vice Secretary Backbone

The purpose of this letter is to follow through on the commitment made to the Crow Tribe by the 28th Bomb Wing as documented in the Powder River Training Complex (PRTC) Programmatic Agreement (PA). This commitment involves developing an Avoidance Protocol. Attached is an Avoidance Protocol draft for your review and comment. Please consider this first draft as an interim document until we can integrate input gathered and send out a revised document for further review.

The attached draft was created to fulfil PA stipulation IV:

- A. Within six (6) months of executing this PA, 28 BW shall develop and implement a program to accept requests from consulting parties to avoid training in portions of the PRTC.
- B. The 28 BW shall consider requests from consulting parties to avoid using portions of the PRTC, said requests include dates and approximate locations, preferably with coordinates, that should be avoided, no later than seven (7) to ten (10) days prior to the date of avoidance being sought.

As the first day of PRTC flight operations approaches (currently planned for Sep 18, 2015), I hope this Avoidance Protocol will serve as a useful tool to facilitate the interaction necessary for successful avoidance measures.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at 605-385-2801, or ty.neuman@us.af.mil.

Sincerely


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Attachment:
Draft PRTC Avoidance Protocol

cc:
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