

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe  
Mr. Bryce In the Woods, Councilman  
P.O. Box 590  
Eagle Butte, SD 57625

Dear Mr. In The Woods:

On 18 Oct 2011 Chairman Keckler requested that Ellsworth Air Force Base work directly with you for all coordination regarding the Powder River Training Complex (PRTC) airspace action. As we continue the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 consultation process regarding the PRTC, I attach for your review and comment two documents. The first document is the updated NHPA Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (PA); an earlier version was sent to you in August 2012 prior to the 21 September 2012 Virtual Consultation. The second document is a revised and updated version of the Section 106 Documentation Package sent to your Tribe in 2010, prior to the PRTC Public Hearings.

The attached PA, prepared in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.14(b)(3) and with the assistance of the consulting parties, 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, including those of cultural and religious significance.

The attached Section 106 Documentation Package includes the following items required by 36 CFR §§ 800.3 through 800.5:

- A description of the undertaking, including maps;
- A description of the steps to identify historic properties;
- A description of the affected historic properties;
- A preliminary discussion of effects; and
- A description of Native American consultation and public involvement completed to date.

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. I am sending a courtesy copy of this information to your THPO (Mr. Vance).

Sincerely,

Kevin Kennedy, Colonel  
Commander, 28 BW

Attachments

1. Current Programmatic Agreement

## 2. Current Section 106 Documentation Package

cc: Mr. Vance