



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 28TH BOMB WING (ACC)
ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE SOUTH DAKOTA

AVOIDANCE PROTOCOL

between

United States Air Force (USAF) 28th Bomb Wing
Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota
and

Signatories and invited Signatories of the
Powder River Training Complex (PRTC)
National Historic Preservation Act
Programmatic Agreement (PA)

concerning

Deconfliction of USAF training activity within PRTC airspace
and events/activities important to the PA stakeholders.

1. PURPOSE

In accordance with provisions within the PRTC PA (executed Sep 4, 2014), this Avoidance Protocol is established “to accept requests from consulting parties to avoid training in portions of the PRTC.” The PRTC PA, Stipulation IV.B., states “The 28 BW shall consider requests made from consulting parties to avoid portions of the PRTC, said requests to 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.”

2. ADMINISTRATION

Nothing in this document shall obligate the parties listed to expend appropriations or to enter into any contract or other obligation. Specific work projects or activities that involve the transfer of funds, services, or property between the parties to this document will require the execution of separate agreements or contracts, contingent upon the availability of funds as appropriated by Congress. Each subsequent agreement or arrangement involving the transfer of funds, services, or property shall be made in writing and shall be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority and regulations, including those applicable to procurement activities.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. The USAF is responsible for:

- a. Notifying parties regarding planned Large Force Exercises (LFE) or other non-standard training activities at least 15 days prior to the events
- b. Working internally to honor deconfliction requests whenever feasible.

- i. Although the PA specifies 7 to 10 day advance notification to 28 BW, additional time is appreciated.
- ii. Similarly, less time, though not recommended, does not necessarily mean deconfliction is impossible.

B. The consulting parties to the PRTC PA will be responsible for:

- a. Ensuring contact information contained within this document is correct and kept current.
- b. Notifying 28 BW of anticipated dates/locations/events to be deconflicted as soon as practical.
- c. Providing location information only to the extent required to deconflict.
- d. Ensuring that event information does not divulge sensitivities involved in the activity.

4. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS.

Education and awareness is essential to the mutual efforts to enhance interagency relationships. As part of the processes outlined in the PRTC PA, 28 BW will:

- A. Conduct an ongoing campaign of community outreach, to all groups that are affected by PRTC operations, to enhance transparency and awareness.
- B. Continue to gather information regarding culturally/historically important locations and or events in order to consider potential mitigation.
- C. Coordinate materials for and facilitate scheduling of annual cultural awareness training.
- D. Actively garner stakeholder participation in this avoidance protocol, by ensuring feedback is responded to, and used to guide PRTC operational decisions.

5. POINTS OF CONTACT:

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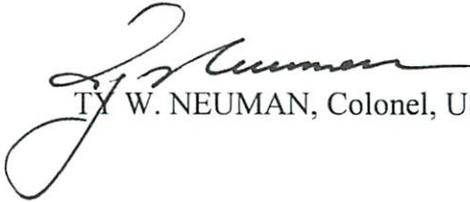
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ADDITIONAL DETAIL

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Sincerely

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