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Yes, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe would like to be a formal consulting party for this project.

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Good morning Dr. Hoerig. We are in receipt of your letter from April 22nd and definitely will be coordinating and consulting with you and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe as the proposed UPRR Pirate Project in Mesa moves forward. To give you an update, we have conducted a Class III survey within the APE for the project and are currently in the process of preparing the appropriate report. We are also in the process of preparing an Environmental Assessment as part of the NEPA process.

As you know, this area is highly sensitive for cultural resources, with many previously recorded sites located within or immediately adjacent to the project's APE. As the project involves new construction of a proposed rail line through this area, it is likely that it will have an effect on historic properties, including archaeological sites. I can't give you a firm date on when the report will be completed and ready for review by consulting parties but it will likely be later this

summer. You of course will be provided with copies of all of the documents being prepared for the project for your review and comment.

Can you confirm for me at this point whether the Pascua Yaqui Tribe requests formal consulting party status under Section 106? We want to make sure that you are involved in the Section 106 and NEPA processes for this project and have the opportunity to provide your important input. If you have any questions, or would like to set up a separate meeting to discuss the project with us, please let me know. I am happy to set something up at your convenience.

I look forward to working with you and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe on this project. Contact me at any time.

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Dear Mr. Tabachnick,

Following receipt of a letter from Danielle Gosselin, on April 22 I wrote to Mr. Adam Assenza requesting that any Class I and Class III survey reports that had been completed for the proposed UPRR Pirate Project be provided so that we could evaluate whether the Pascua Yaqui Tribe should consult on the project. I do not have records indicating that I received a response, though it is certainly possible that I missed it. If there is the potential for the proposed project to affect heritage resources, including ancestral sites, Pascua Yaqui Tribe would like to be included in the Section 106 and NEPA consultation.

With best regards,
Karl Hoerig

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Good morning. I am reaching out to you to follow up on our Section 106 outreach letters and emails that were sent to you in early April, 2022. We have not received a formal response from you and want to make sure that you are given the opportunity to participate in the Section 106 process if you so desire. We are preparing an Environmental Assessment for the proposed new freight line, and undertaking cultural resource investigations as part of the Section 106 process. If you would like to be a formal consulting party on the project, please let me know as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the project, the NEPA process, or the Section 106 process, please let me know. We would be happy to schedule a meeting if that would be helpful and are always available to answer any questions you may have. Thank you very much and feel free to reach out any time.

Sincerely,

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