



Tongue River Conference Call : Tribal Sites

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Dear Consulting Parties,

During our last monthly conference call, various tribal representatives stated that they be privy to the information/observations made by tribes during each of the four field sessions. This was deemed important as we had different tribes represented in the field during each field session (excepting the Northern Cheyenne Tribe who participated during each). There was therefore the sense that tribes might share information with each other about sites each had identified. However, I was hesitant to agree to this during the call given that not all tribes were represented.

The purpose of this call then, would be for participating tribes to determine how best to share information with each other (for tribes that agree that this is appropriate). From my discussions with ICF, their staff only collected select information regarding tribal sites limited to a data point and site title (i.e. "tribal site"). ICF has agreed to complete a synopsis of this data to share with participating tribes. The tribal site information could be ready to share with tribes by the end of next month. (ICF will also be collating a second data set of all historic properties identified during the NEPA survey work. This will be distributed at a later time, however).

I suggest that we have the call the week of October 7th. **Would October 8th at 1 PM work?** If not, please propose alternatives dates. We will need to stick to an afternoon time in order to accommodate callers out west.

I am currently proposing to make the call open to all consulting parties as we would only be discussing strategies for information sharing. There would be no discussion during the call of specific sites or any kind of confidential information. I envision ICF and STB staff as well as tribes as the main discussants during the call.

All the best,

-Cathy

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