

**Whereas Clause**

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Hi Betsy,

Let me know if the following whereas clause addresses the concerns you expressed during our Monday call. I have sandwiched it in between two existing clauses.

If I don't hear from you, we'll just include this in our whereas clauses as shown.

WHEREAS, the STB is considering the No Action Alternative and five build alternative routes, and certain variations on the five build alternative routes, to be carried forward in the EIS: the Colstrip Alternative (the applicant's preferred alternative), the Tongue River Alternative, the Tongue River Road Alternative, the Moon Creek Alternative, and the Decker Alternative, some of which traverse portions of Custer County as well as Powder River and Rosebud Counties; and,

WHEREAS, the STB is comparing the potential impacts of each of the build alternatives on historic properties, cultural resources and tribal sites of significance to inform its selection of any build alternative; and

WHEREAS, the STB is the lead federal agency responsible for compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA, 16 U.S.C. Part 470f and its implementing regulations at 36 CFR Part 800; and,

-Cathy

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