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Subject Upcoming Field Visits to DM&E Sites

Greetings Everyone:

STB has scheduled a second round of visits to some of the remaining unevaluated archaeological sites located along the Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation's proposed right-of-way corridor in South Dakota and Wyoming. As before, the purpose of these visits is to better enable the STB to make National Register eligibility decisions for sites for which we believe further tribal expertise is needed.

The visits are scheduled for the week of August 17-21 in Wyoming and the week of August 24-28 in South Dakota. We are in the process of looking into access issues thus will need to delay sending you a list of sites until sometime next week. I have attached a list with the names of the hotels where we will be staying based on date and location.

The scheduled site visits will follow much the same pattern as our site visits in June; however, due to the substantial cost of the field visits we must limit payment to just one representative from each tribe. Also, only those tribes that provided STB with National Register recommendations for the first set of field visits will be paid. Other tribes may participate but must pay their own way. In addition, we will be splitting representatives into two groups. Each group will visit a different set of sites each day, but we will also schedule time at the end of each day for all representatives to gather and discuss their observations.

Please let us know if your tribe will be sending a representative and who will attend on your tribe's behalf. If your representative participated in the June site visits, then there is no need for you to provide us with additional forms or other paperwork; however, if you intend to send someone else, please be sure to provide us with the following items so that we be sure to make proper arrangements for lodging, advance payment, and other things.

1. Name of Representative
2. Statement from your tribal government authorizing participant to provide recommendations on site eligibility to STB. (Signed by the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer or a member of your tribal government).
3. Liability Waiver (please have your field representative sign and return)
4. Emergency Contact Information (please have your field representative complete and return)
5. W-9 Form (please complete, sign and return unless you already have one on file - see attached list to confirm this)

Please return these forms to our third-party contractor, The Louis Berger Group, Inc. at the following address no later than close of business on **Tuesday, August 11, 2009** to ensure that we are able to arrange for advance payment of honorarium and personal expenses. Fax copies of these forms are

acceptable.

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Thanks to all of you for your continued interest in this project. If you have any questions or need assistance with these forms, please contact Randy Withrow (Louis Berger Group) at 319-373-3043. If you would like to speak with me, please feel free to call me at 202-245-0293.

Best regards,

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- W-9 Form.pdf



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