



Tongue River Section 106 Meeting: Updates

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Dear Section 106 Consulting Parties,

A big thanks to all of you who were able to attend the Section 106 Consulting Party meeting for the Tongue River Railroad Construction project held in Billings, MT on February 13th and 14th. We had an impressive turnout and successful meeting thanks to you (copies of the sign-in sheets attached below).

I will send you an email notifying you when the transcript from the Billings meeting has been posted to the project website: <http://www.tongueriveris.com/>. In the interim, I have summarized some of the issues that came up during the meeting and our planned approach for addressing these.

Additional Field Surveys: Need for Tribal Participants

One of the issues raised at the meeting was a concern that we had not completed adequate archaeological and tribal surveys on property where we have access. To address this concern, we have decided to conduct additional field surveys this spring. As before, we intend to structure our field crews with equal numbers of tribal participants and ICF archaeologists. **Please let us know as soon as possible if your tribe is interested in participating in additional field surveys within the Tongue River project area.** We anticipate beginning the field surveys in May.

Programmatic Agreement

As discussed at the meeting, we are conducting a phased approach for the project pursuant to 36 CFR Section 800.4(b)(2). As you know, the phased identification and evaluation of historic properties under Section 106 requires the completion of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) to stipulate any future identification, evaluation and mitigation strategies that will be taken for any alternative licensed by the Board.

Several of the meeting attendees had recommended that we begin work on a PA right away. Consequently, after the meeting was formally adjourned on the 14th, several of us, including tribal members, the Army Corps, the applicant and ICF staff, remained behind to work on redrafting the PA that we had developed in 2011 for the old Tongue River project (when it included Tongue II and III).

Tribal members from the Northern Cheyenne, Standing Rock Sioux, Rosebud Sioux and the Fort Peck, Assiniboine and Sioux tribes provided some edits to the old document. We intend to further refine the old PA with the current project description and delete references to Tongue II and III. Once we have completed these administrative edits, I will send around the redrafted PA for your review, edit and comment.

We also intend to add some notes to the PA that include recommendations made by the meeting participants on February 13th and 14th. However, we will not make any substantive changes to the PA until you have all had a chance to review the draft. This is to ensure that you are in agreement with any inclusions/changes to the PA before they are incorporated into the redraft. It is very important to us that you are fully involved in the development of the PA for this project. I anticipate sending around the redrafted PA in time for our next Section 106 monthly call on March 10, 2014.

A question was raised in Billings if we will host another Consulting Party meeting this April for the principle purpose of working on the PA. We are evaluating this internally and will provide you with an answer soon.

Thanks again to all of you who participated in the meeting! We are grateful for your input and guidance and look forward to your continued involvement as a consulting party for the Tongue River Railroad Construction project.

All the best,
Cathy

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Last Name	First Name	Affiliation	13-Feb	14-Feb
Ames	Joel	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	✓	
Backbone Fitch	Roberta	Crow Nation	✓	
Black Wolf	Michael	Ft. Belknap Indian Community	✓	
Bonogofsky	Alexis	National Wildlife Federation	✓	
Brady	Steve	Northern Cheyenne Tribe	✓	
Braided Hair	Vanessa	Northern Cheyenne Otter Creek Homestead Descendants	✓	
Clouthier	Terrence	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	✓	
Coburn	David	Steptoe & Johnson	✓	
Coffey, Jr.	Pete	Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation	✓	
Dupris	Dana	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe		
Duvall-Gabriel	Najah	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation	0	
Eagle Bear	Russell	Rosebud Sioux Tribe		
Findlay	Shane	Bureau of Leand Management		
Fisher	Conrad	Northern Cheyenne Tribe	✓	
Fix	Mark	Fix Ranch	✓	
Friez	Diane	Bureau of Leand Management	✓	
Gordon	Cherie	BNSF Railway	✓	
Grant	Brady	Turtle Mountain Indian Community	✓	
Headley	Corinne	Northern Arapaho Tribe	✓	
Jenkins	Chris	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	✓	
Justo	Chere	Montana Preservation Alliance	✓	
Johnson	Shannon	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	✓	
Jones	Matt	BNSF Railway	✓	
Kaeding	Beth	Northern Plains Resource Council	✓	
Kuhl	Brooke	BNSF Railway	✓	
Longie	Erich	Spirit Lake Nation	✓	
McRae	Clint	Rocker Six Cattle Company	✓	
Medicine Bull	Kenneth	Northern Cheyenne Otter Creek Homestead Descendants	✓	
Medicine Horn	Levi	Yankton Sioux Tribe		
Melton	Doug	Bureau of Leand Management	✓	
Miller	Lyle	Yankton Sioux Tribe	✓	
Morken	Jeremy	TranSystems	✓	
Nadals	Cathy	Surface Transportation Board	✓	
Nadeau	Bruce	Turtle Mountain Indian Community	✓	
Newman	Svien	Northern Plains Resource Council	✓	
Petersen	Mark	U.S. Department of Agriculture	✓	
Rhodd	Ben	Rosebud Sioux Tribe	✓	
Rutson	Vicki	Surface Transportation Board	✓	

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Small	Steve	Northern Cheyenne Tribe	✓	
Song Hawk	Justin	Yankton Sioux Tribe	✓	
St. John	Tamara	Sisseton Wahpeton-Oyate	✓	
Stewart	CJ	Crow Nation	✓	
Sunley	Jennifer	Hanson Professional Services	✓	
Tillinger	Todd	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	✓	
Vance	Steve	Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe	✓	
Walksalong	James	Northern Cheyenne Tribe	✓	
Warren	Derin	BNSF Railway	✓	
Wayland	Josh	Surface Transportation Board	✓	
Wells	Wanda	Crow Creek Sioux Tribe		
Willey	Andrew	Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribe	✓	
Wilmoth	Stan	Montana State Historic Preservation Officer	✓	
Young	Waste'Win	Standing Rock Sioux Tribe	✓	
Youpee	Curley (Darrell)	Ft. Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes	✓	
Zaback	Maggie	Northern Plains Resource Council	✓	
Burdstone	Mark	N. Cheyenne	✓	
Jandreau	Andre	Yankton Sioux	✓	
Kisher	Mark	Northern Cheyenne Tribal Chairman	✓	
Medicine Ball	Corrik	Northern Cheyenne	✓	
SMITH	GAM	BLM	✓	
LA SEUR	CARRIE	BAUMSTARK BRADEN Law Partners	✓	
Whiteclay	Richard	Crow Tribe	✓	
Moschelle	Justin	BFA RMRD Archaeologist	✓	
ATCHISON	JIM	SOUTHERN MT DEVELOPMENT	✓	
Curley	Chris	N. P. S.	✓	
YOUPPE	Curley	Ft. Peck Tribes	✓	
Twolegins	Hubert	Crow Tribe / Medicine Wheel Alliance	✓	
PRETTY ON TOP	Sutton	Crow Tribe Council	✓	
Marla Brantley	Helen	Crazy Day Society / N. Cheyenne	✓	
Cummins	Caleb	Dog Soldiers Society / N. Chey	✓	
Bearment	Peter	Peter Bear comes out	✓	
Bearment	PETAL	PETAL	✓	
JASCH	Jasch	Jasch		
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