



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

December 18, 2012

Crow Tribe of Indians
Darrin Old Coyote, Chairman
P.O. Box 159
Crow Agency, MT 59022

Re: Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc.—Rail Construction and Operation—
in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana: Government-to-Government
Consultation

Dear Chairman Old Coyote:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate formal government-to-government consultations with the Crow Tribe of Indians regarding the above-referenced project.

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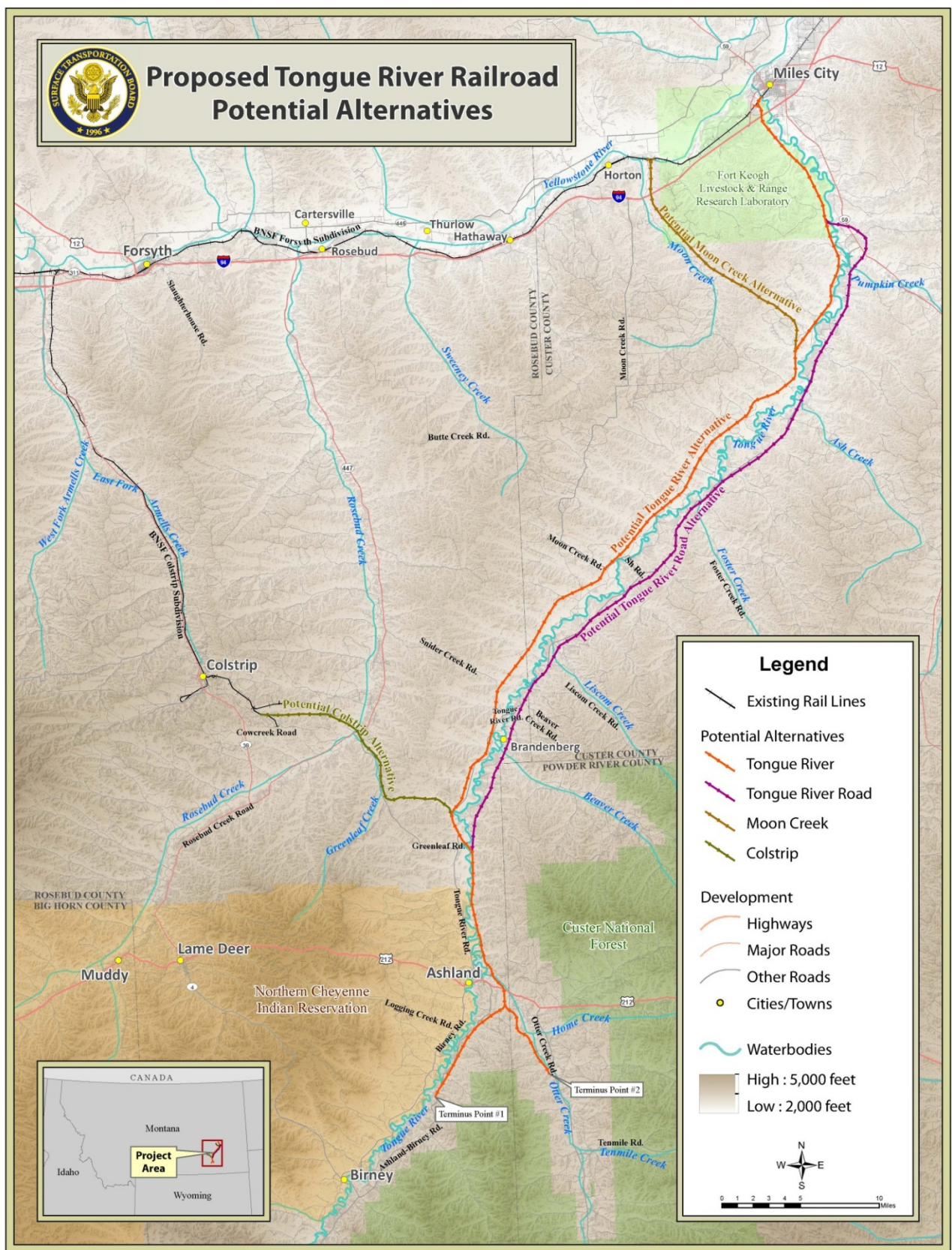
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If you have any questions or would like to discuss the project in more detail please do not hesitate to contact Catherine at 202-245-0293 or Richard Starzak of ICF International, our independent third-party contractor, at 213-840-7480. Information on this project is also available on the Board's website at http://www.stb.dot.gov/stb/environment/key_cases.html, and on the project website at <http://www.tonguerivereis.com/>. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures: Map of Potential Alternatives; Consultation Questionnaire
cc: Burton Pretty On Top



CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Crow Tribe of Indians

STB Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc. (TRRC)—Rail Construction and Operation—in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana.

Project Name: TRRC's proposed rail line

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Name of the Crow Tribe of Indians designated contact for TRRC's proposed rail line:

Please print

Phone: _____
e-mail: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please mail to: Catherine Glidden
STB Finance Docket No. 30186
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Or Email to: gliddenc@stb.dot.gov



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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December 18, 2012

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Michael Jandreau, Chairman
187 Oyate Circle
Lower Brule, SD 57548

Re: Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc.—Rail Construction and Operation—
in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana: Government-to-Government
Consultation

Dear Chairman Jandreau:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate formal government-to-government consultations with the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe regarding the above-referenced project.

As you know, the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) October 29, 2012 e-mail to you provided your tribe with information regarding our responsibility for preparing the appropriate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation for the proposed project. This was followed by our December 11, 2012 letter that laid out our responsibilities to consult with you regarding potential effects from the proposed project to historic properties as defined under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

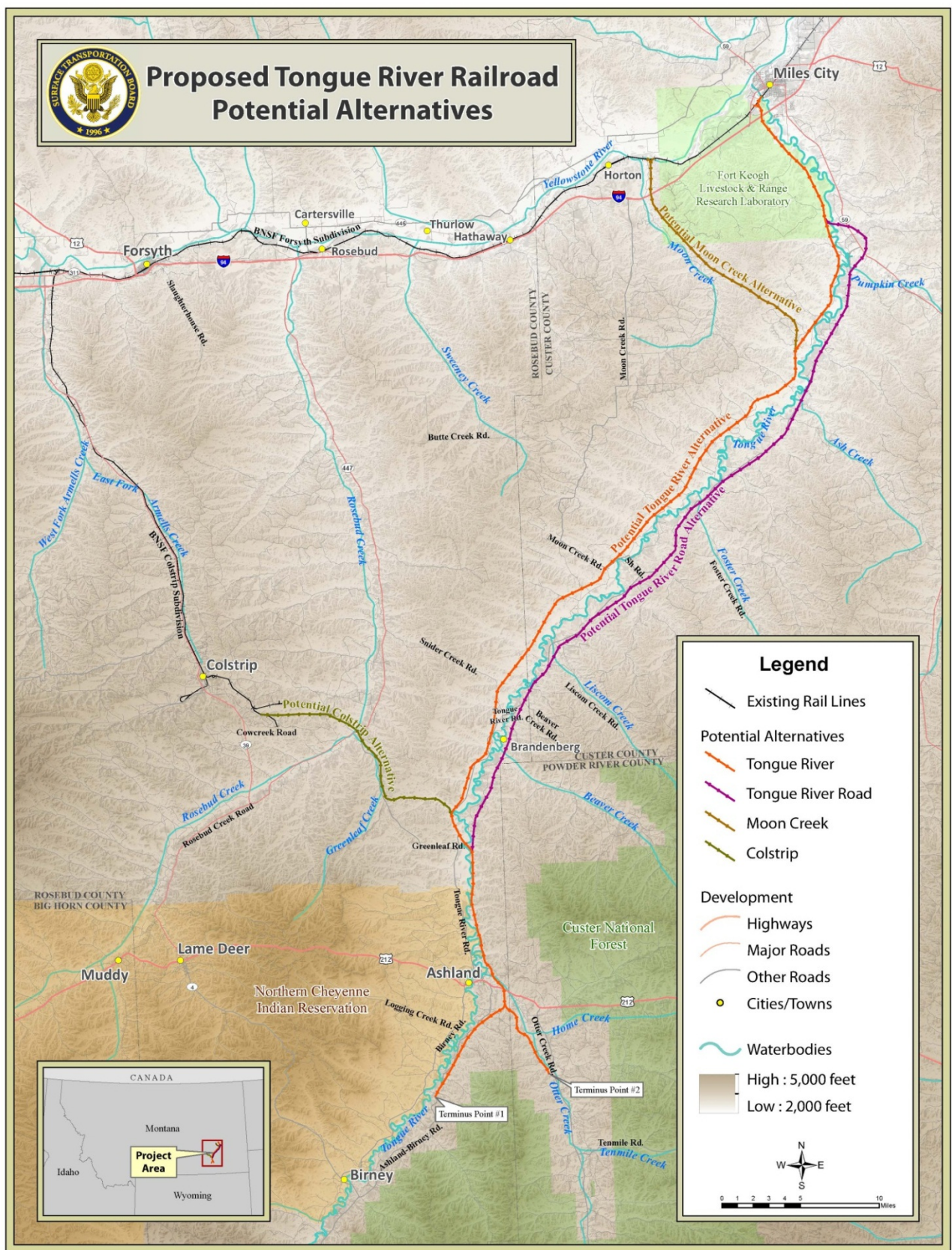
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Victoria Rutson
Director
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Enclosures: Map of Potential Alternatives; Consultation Questionnaire
cc: Clair S. Green



CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe

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Phone: _____
e-mail: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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December 18, 2012

Oglala Sioux Tribe
Bryan V. Brewer, President
P.O. Box 2070
Pine Ridge, SD 57770

Re: Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc.—Rail Construction and Operation—
in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana: Government-to-Government
Consultation

Dear President Brewer:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate formal government-to-government consultations with the Oglala Sioux Tribe regarding the above-referenced project.

As you know, the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) October 29, 2012 e-mail to you provided your tribe with information regarding our responsibility for preparing the appropriate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation for the proposed project. This was followed by our December 11, 2012 letter that laid out our responsibilities to consult with you regarding potential effects from the proposed project to historic properties as defined under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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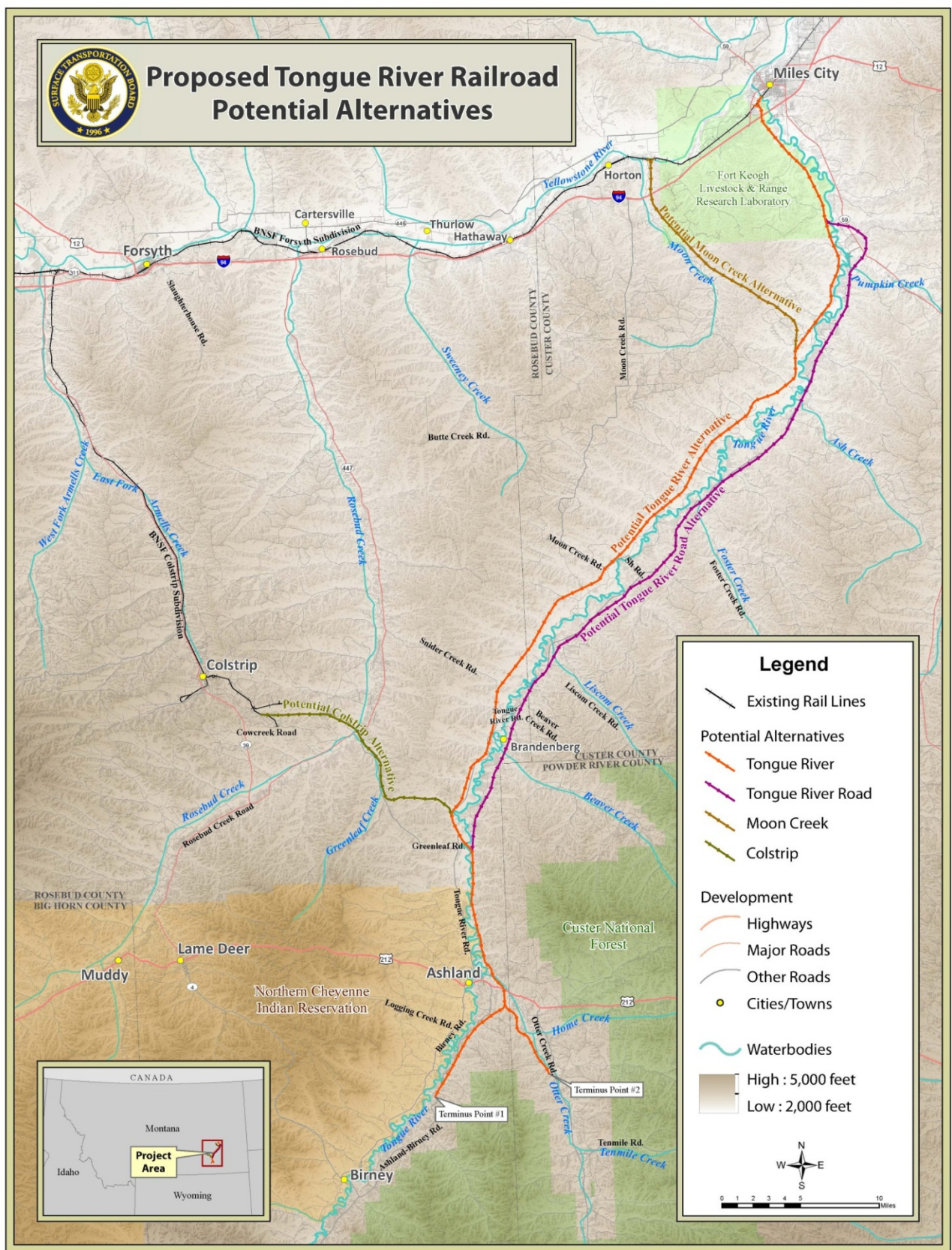
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Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures: Map of Potential Alternatives; Consultation Questionnaire
cc: Wilmer Mesteth



Proposed Tongue River Railroad Potential Alternatives



CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Oglala Sioux Tribe

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Project Name: TRRC's proposed rail line

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Name of the Oglala Sioux Tribe designated contact for TRRC's proposed rail line:

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Phone: _____
e-mail: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please mail to: Catherine Glidden
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December 18, 2012

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Charles Murphy, Chairman
P.O. Box D
Ft. Yates, ND 58538

Re: Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc.—Rail Construction and Operation—
in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana: Government-to-Government
Consultation

Dear Chairman Murphy:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate formal government-to-government consultations with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe regarding the above-referenced project.

As you know, the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) October 29, 2012 e-mail to you provided your tribe with information regarding our responsibility for preparing the appropriate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation for the proposed project. This was followed by our December 11, 2012 letter that laid out our responsibilities to consult with you regarding potential effects from the proposed project to historic properties as defined under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

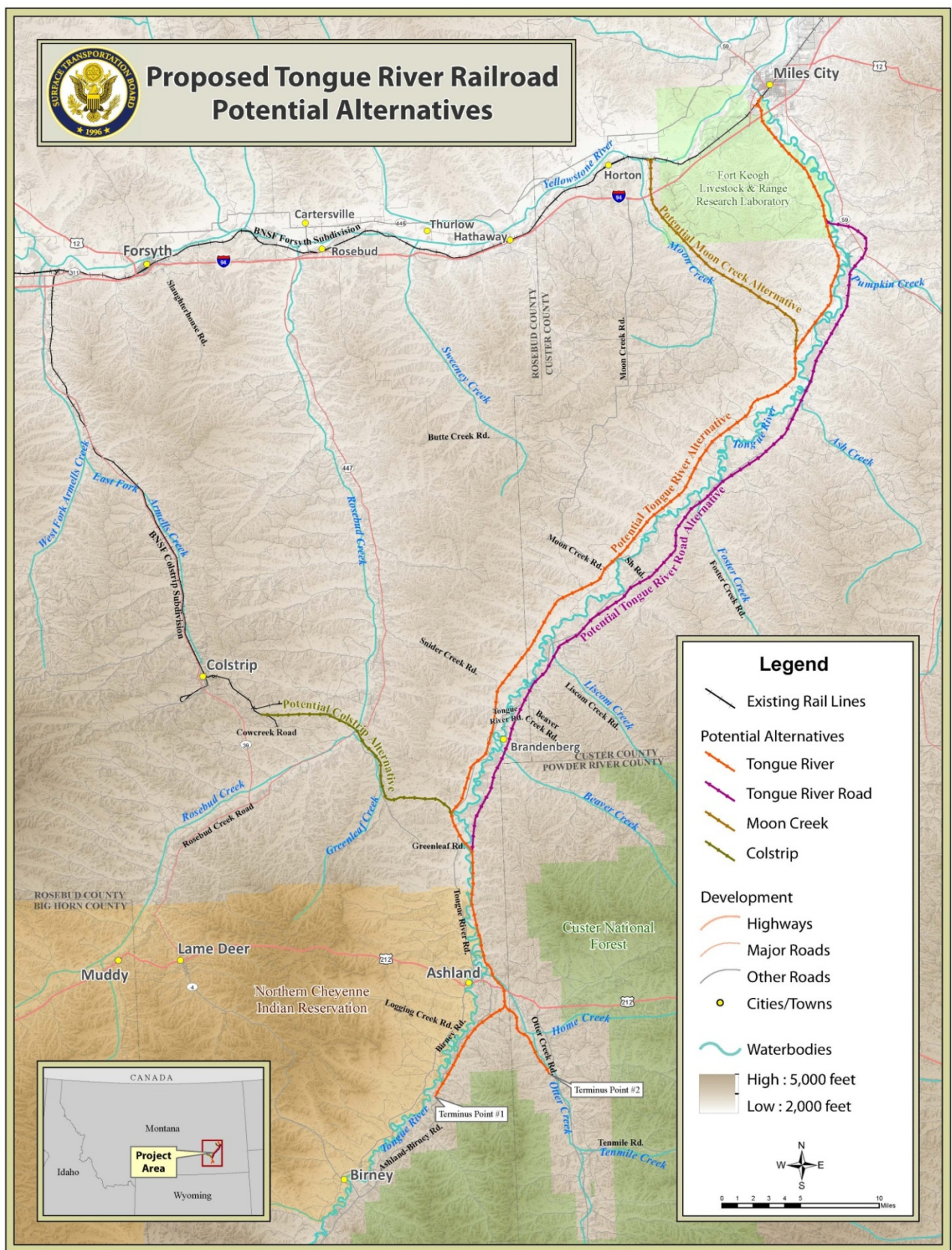
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Victoria Rutson
Director
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Enclosures: Map of Potential Alternatives; Consultation Questionnaire
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CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

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Name of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe designated contact for TRRC's proposed rail line:

Please print

Phone: _____
e-mail: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please mail to: Catherine Glidden
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December 18, 2012

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
Kevin Keckler Sr., Chairman
P.O. Box 590
Eagle Butte, SD 57625

Re: Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc.—Rail Construction and Operation—
in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana: Government-to-Government
Consultation

Dear Chairman Keckler:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate formal government-to-government consultations with the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe regarding the above-referenced project.

As you know, the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) October 29, 2012 e-mail to you provided your tribe with information regarding our responsibility for preparing the appropriate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation for the proposed project. This was followed by our December 11, 2012 letter that laid out our responsibilities to consult with you regarding potential effects from the proposed project to historic properties as defined under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

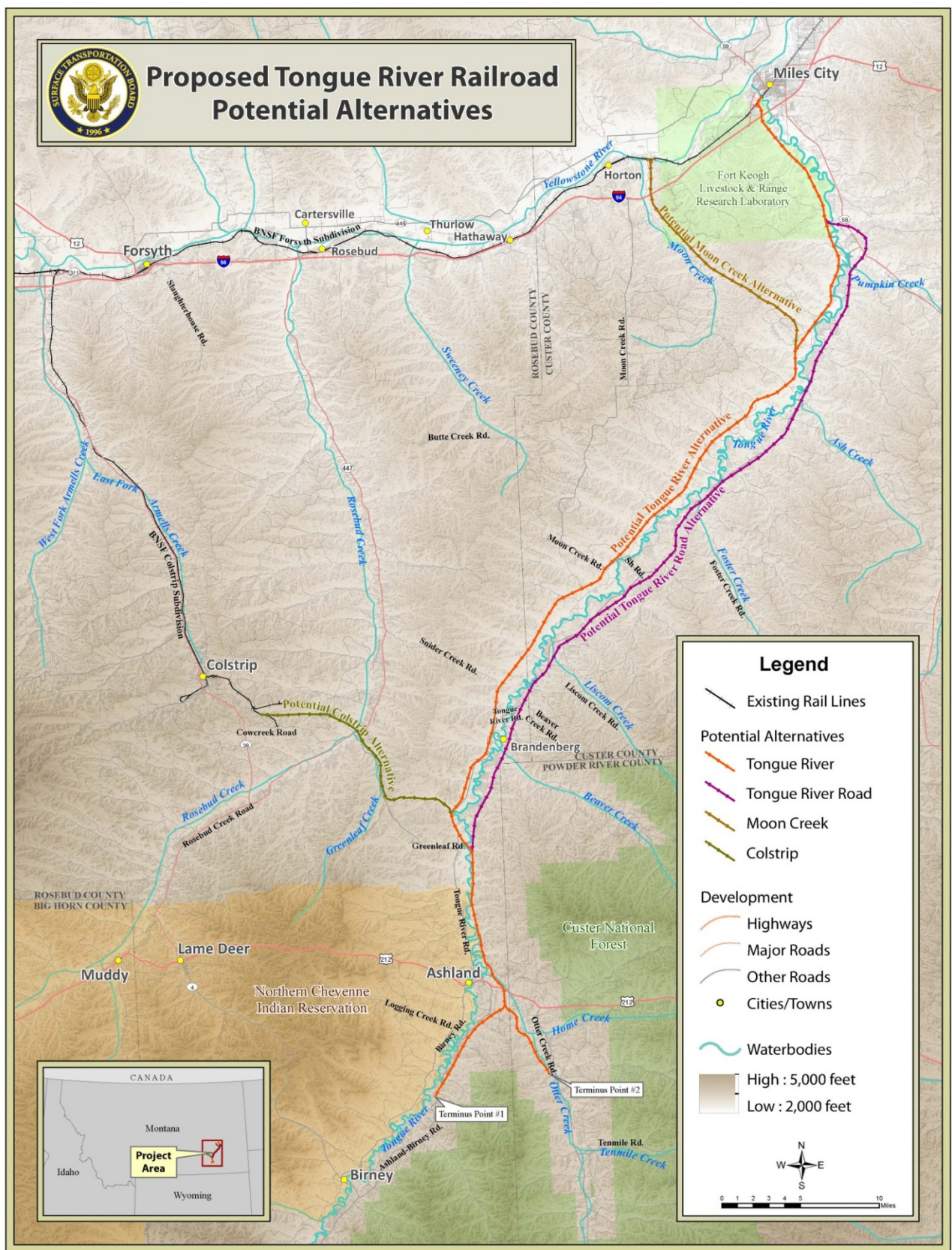
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Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures: Map of Potential Alternatives; Consultation Questionnaire
cc: Steve Vance



CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

STB Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc. (TRRC)—Rail Construction and Operation—in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana.

Project Name: TRRC's proposed rail line

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Name of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe designated contact for TRRC's proposed rail line:

Please print

Phone: _____
e-mail: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please mail to: Catherine Glidden
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Or Email to: gliddenc@stb.dot.gov



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December 18, 2012

Yankton Sioux Tribe
Thurman Cournoyer Sr., Chairman
P.O. Box 248
Marty, SD 57361-0248

Re: Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc.—Rail Construction and Operation—
in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana: Government-to-Government
Consultation

Dear Chairman Cournoyer:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate formal government-to-government consultations with the Yankton Sioux Tribe regarding the above-referenced project.

As you know, the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) October 29, 2012 e-mail to you provided your tribe with information regarding our responsibility for preparing the appropriate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation for the proposed project. This was followed by our December 11, 2012 letter that laid out our responsibilities to consult with you regarding potential effects from the proposed project to historic properties as defined under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

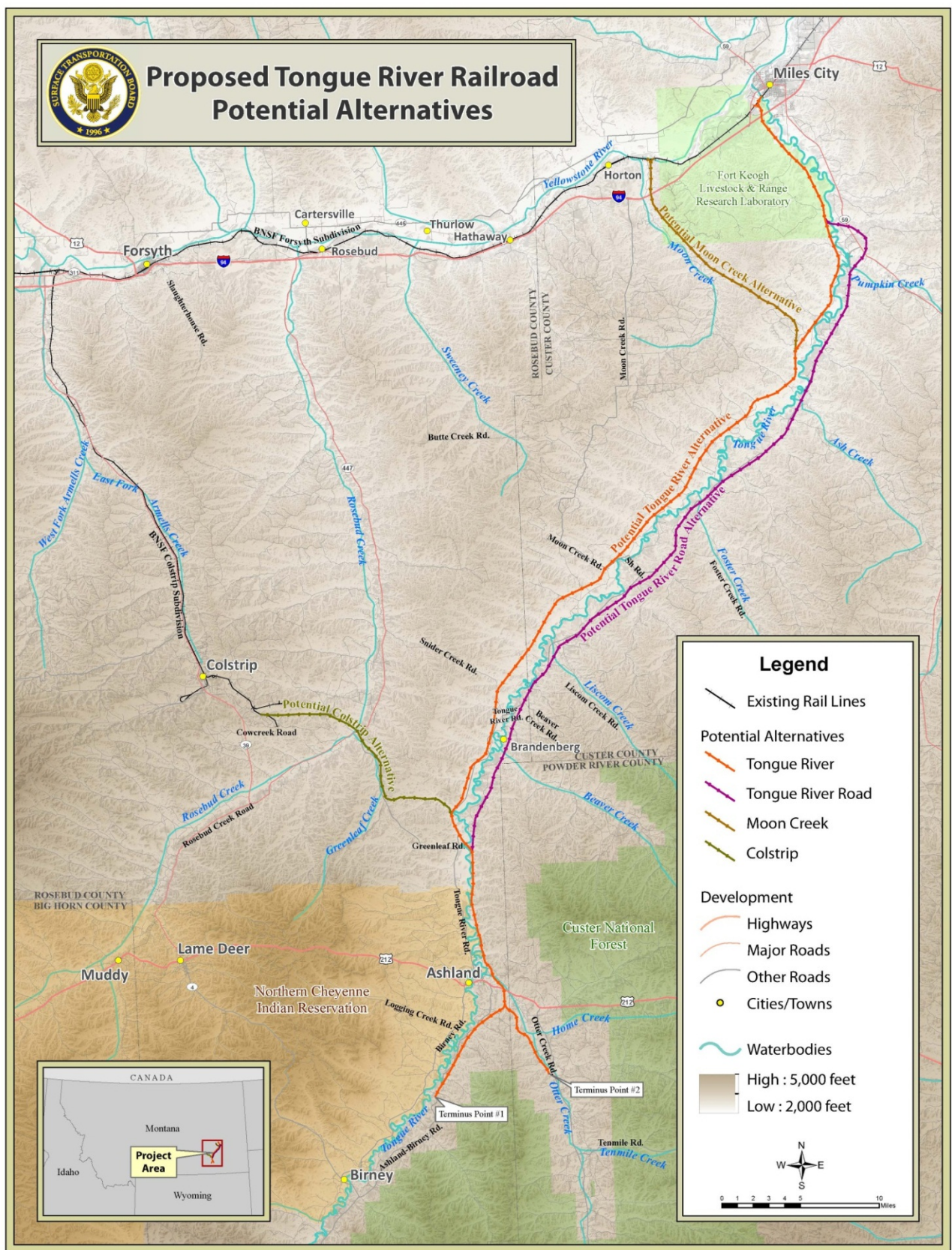
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Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures: Map of Potential Alternatives; Consultation Questionnaire
cc: Lana M. Gravatt



CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Yankton Sioux Tribe

STB Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc. (TRRC)—Rail Construction and Operation—in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana.

Project Name: TRRC's proposed rail line

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- _____ We have an interest in TRRC's proposed rail line and want to participate in government-to-government consultation.

Name of the Yankton Sioux Tribe designated contact for TRRC's proposed rail line:

_____ Phone: _____
Please print e-mail: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please mail to: Catherine Glidden
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Washington, DC 20423

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December 18, 2012

Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate
Robert Shepherd, Chairman
P.O. Box 509
Agency Village, SD 57262

Re: Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc.—Rail Construction and Operation—
in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana: Government-to-Government
Consultation

Dear Chairman Shepherd:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate formal government-to-government consultations with the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate regarding the above-referenced project.

As you know, the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) October 29, 2012 e-mail to you provided your tribe with information regarding our responsibility for preparing the appropriate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation for the proposed project. This was followed by our December 11, 2012 letter that laid out our responsibilities to consult with you regarding potential effects from the proposed project to historic properties as defined under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

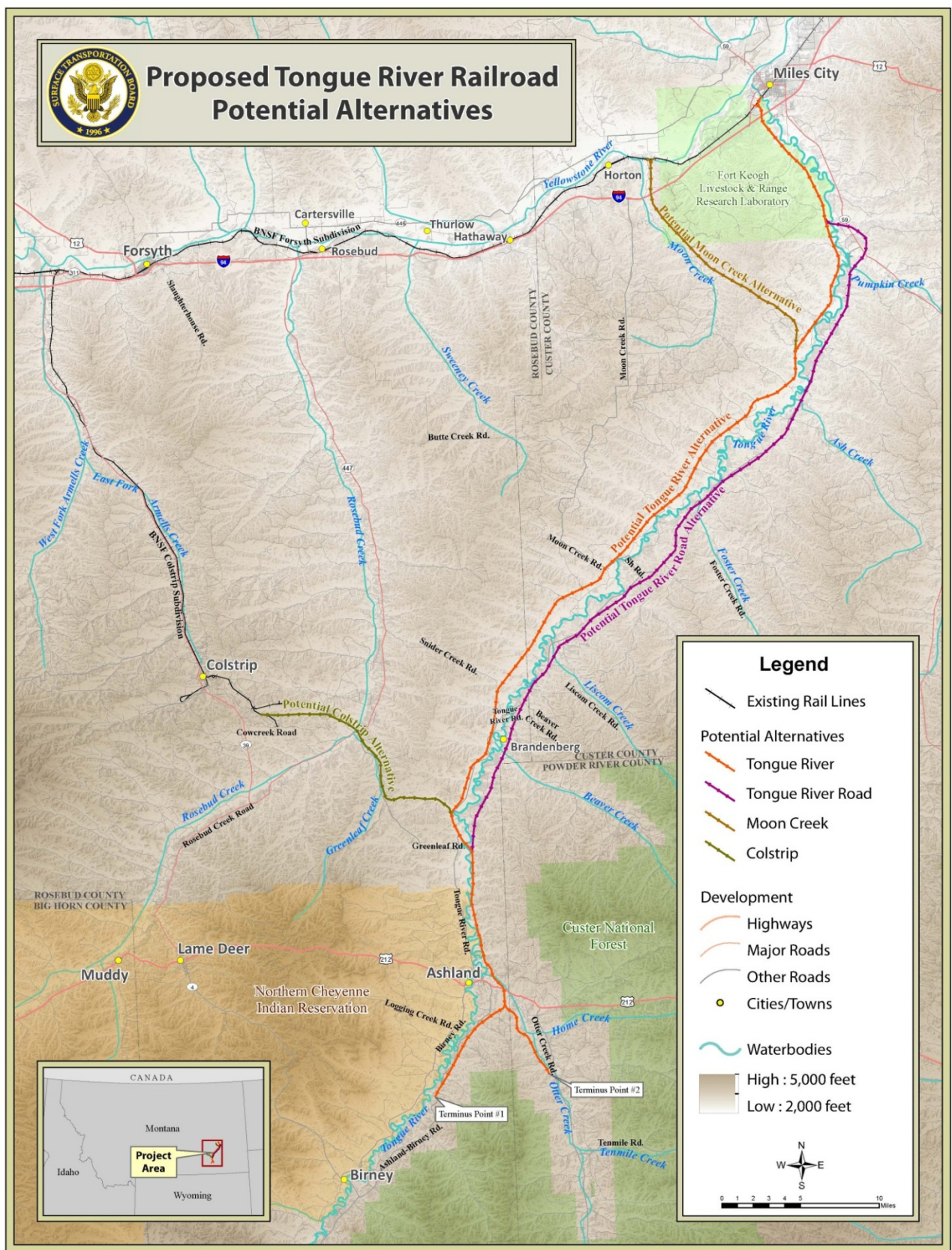
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Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures: Map of Potential Alternatives; Consultation Questionnaire
cc: Dianne Desrosiers



CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

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Name of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate designated contact for TRRC's proposed rail line:

Please print

Phone: _____
e-mail: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Washington, DC 20423

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December 18, 2012

Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe
Anthony Reider, President
P.O. Box 283
Flandreau, SD 57028

Re: Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc.—Rail Construction and Operation—
in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana: Government-to-Government
Consultation

Dear President Reider:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate formal government-to-government consultations with the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe regarding the above-referenced project.

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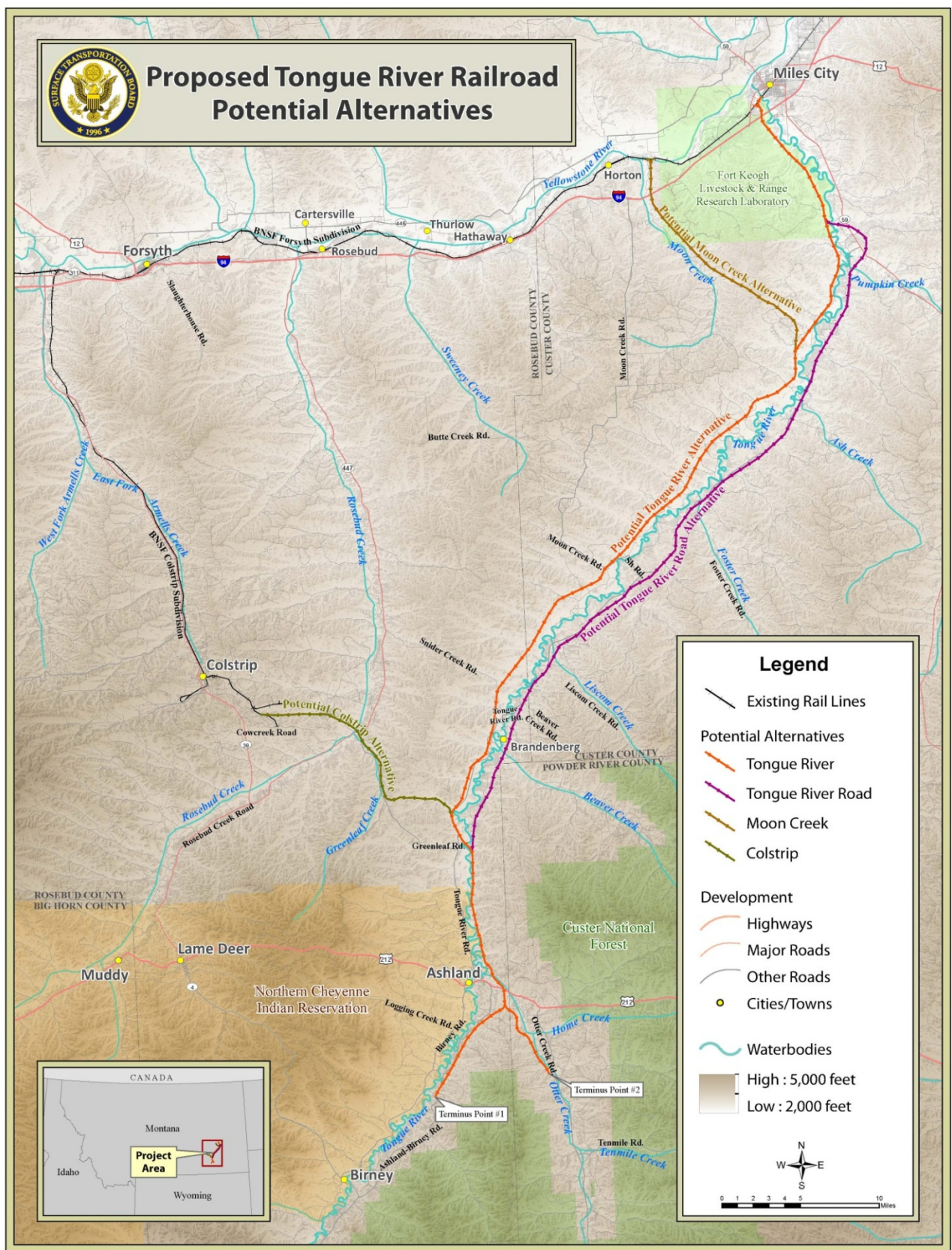
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Director
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Enclosures: Map of Potential Alternatives; Consultation Questionnaire
cc: James B. "JB" Weston



CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe

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Phone: _____
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December 18, 2012

Rosebud Sioux Tribe
Cyril Scott, President
P.O. Box 430
Rosebud, SD 57570

Re: Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc.—Rail Construction and Operation—
in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana: Government-to-Government
Consultation

Dear President Scott:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate formal government-to-government consultations with the Rosebud Sioux Tribe regarding the above-referenced project.

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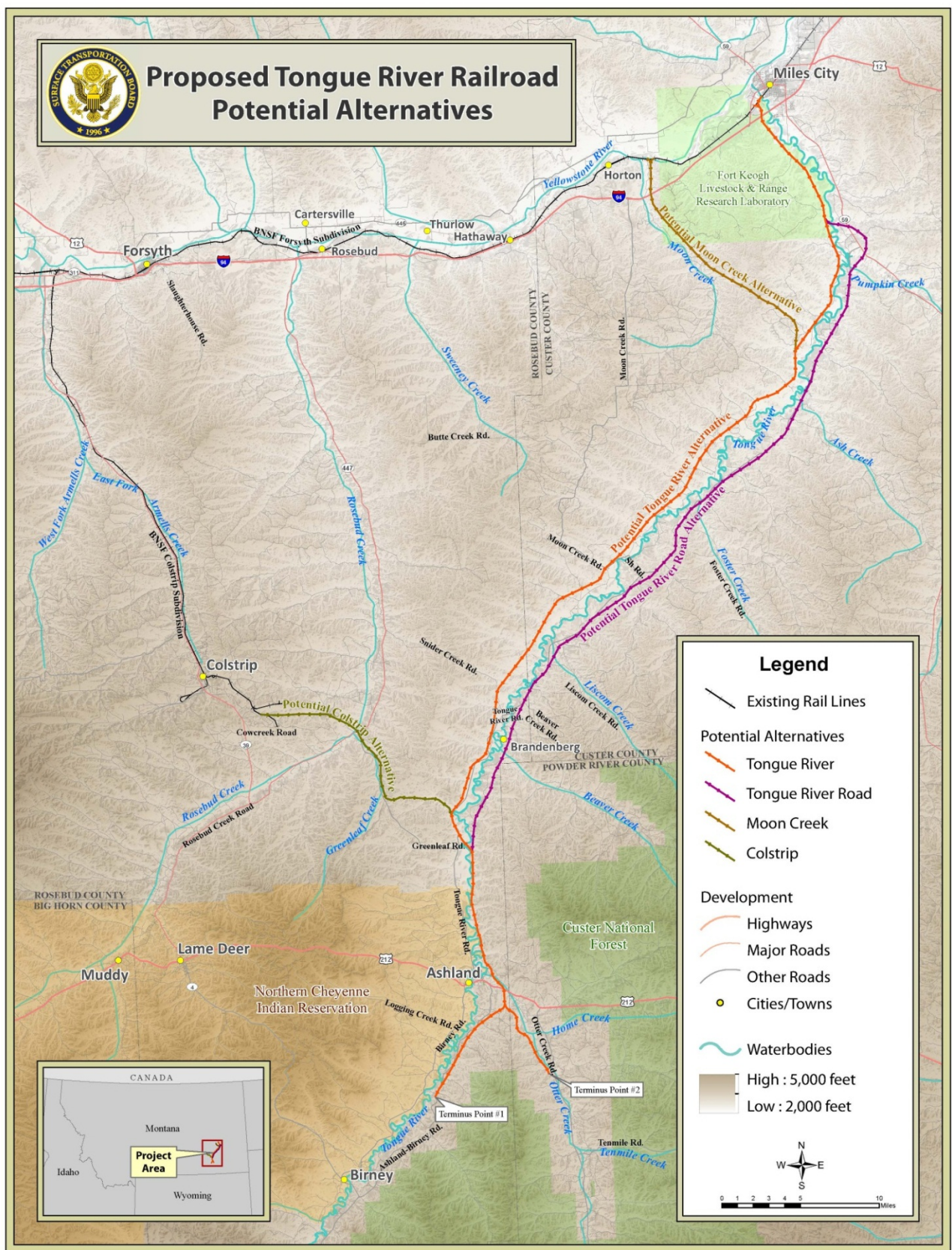
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Victoria Rutson
Director
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Enclosures: Map of Potential Alternatives; Consultation Questionnaire
cc: Russell Eagle Bear



Proposed Tongue River Railroad Potential Alternatives



CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Rosebud Sioux Tribe of Indians

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Project Name: TRRC's proposed rail line

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Name of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe of Indians designated contact for TRRC's proposed rail line:

_____ Phone: _____
Please print e-mail: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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December 18, 2012

Santee Sioux Nation
Rodger Trudell, Chairman
108 Spirit Lake Avenue West
Niobrara, NE 68760-7219

Re: Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc.—Rail Construction and Operation—
in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana: Government-to-Government
Consultation

Dear Chairman Trudell:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate formal government-to-government consultations with the Santee Sioux Nation regarding the above-referenced project.

As you know, the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) October 29, 2012 e-mail to you provided your tribe with information regarding our responsibility for preparing the appropriate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation for the proposed project. This was followed by our December 11, 2012 letter that laid out our responsibilities to consult with you regarding potential effects from the proposed project to historic properties as defined under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

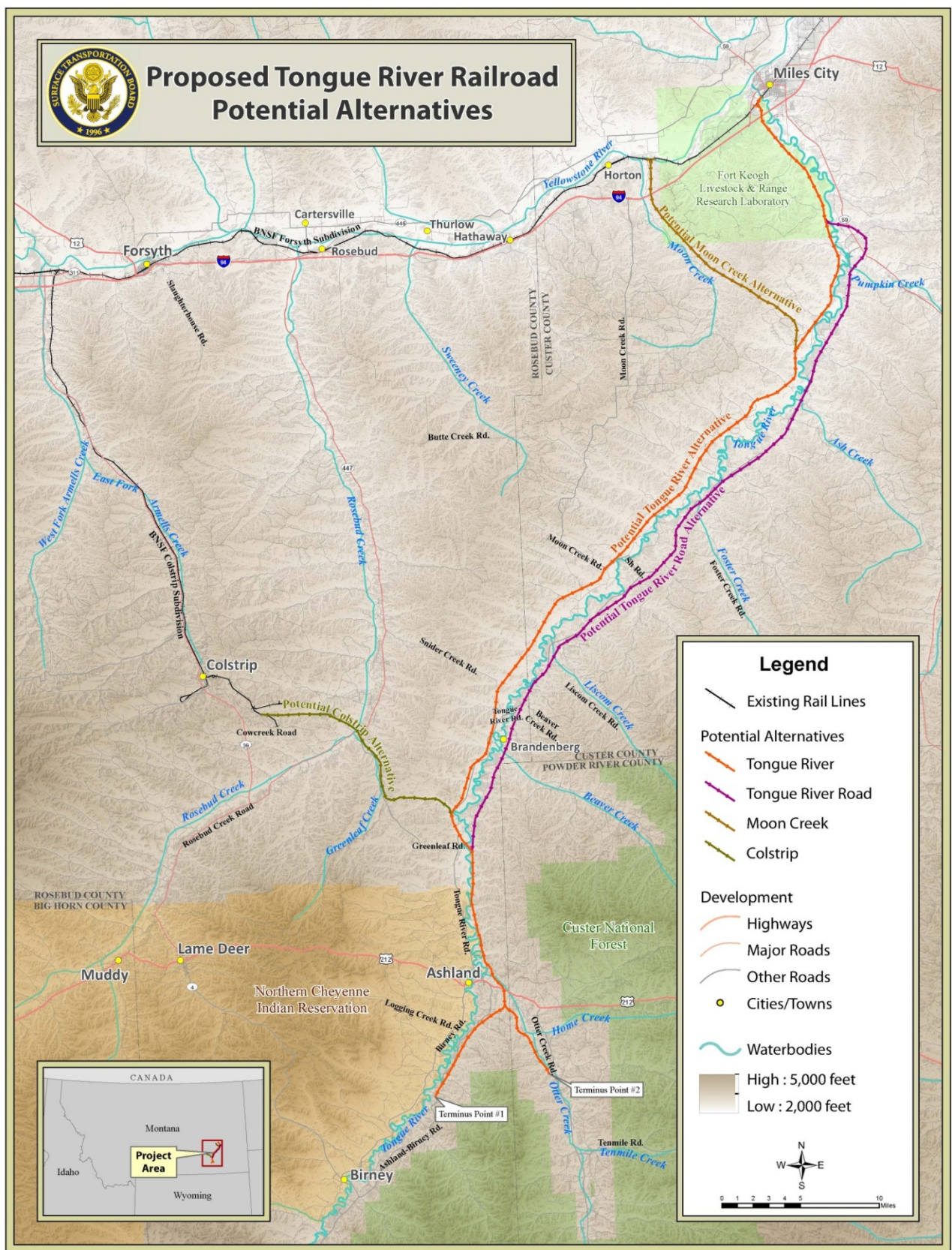
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If you have any questions or would like to discuss the project in more detail please do not hesitate to contact Catherine at 202-245-0293 or Richard Starzak of ICF International, our independent third-party contractor, at 213-840-7480. Information on this project is also available on the Board's website at http://www.stb.dot.gov/stb/environment/key_cases.html, and on the project website at <http://www.tonguerivereis.com/>. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures: Map of Potential Alternatives; Consultation Questionnaire
cc: Rick Thomas



CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Santee Sioux Nation

STB Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc. (TRRC)—Rail Construction and Operation—in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana.

Project Name: TRRC's proposed rail line

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- ☐ We have an interest in TRRC's proposed rail line and want to participate in government-to-government consultation.

Name of the Santee Sioux Nation designated contact for TRRC's proposed rail line:

Please print

Phone: _____
e-mail: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please mail to: Catherine Glidden
STB Finance Docket No. 30186
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Or Email to: gliddenc@stb.dot.gov



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

December 18, 2012

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes
Janice Prairie Chief-Boswell, Governor
P.O. Box 38
Concho, OK 73022

Re: Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc.—Rail Construction and Operation—
in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana: Government-to-Government
Consultation

Dear Governor Prairie Chief-Boswell:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate formal government-to-government consultations with the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes regarding the above-referenced project.

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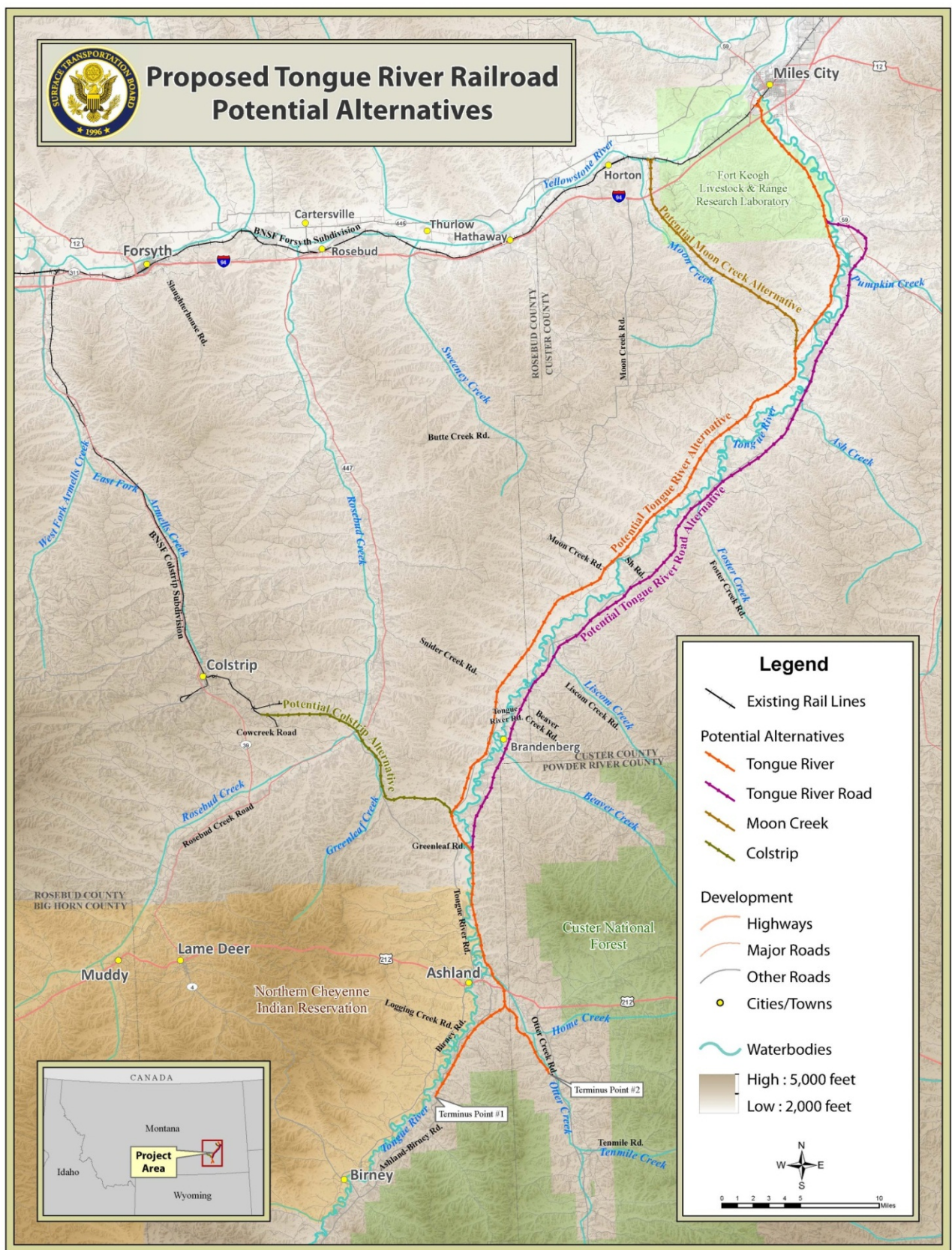
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Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures: Map of Potential Alternatives; Consultation Questionnaire
cc: Lynette Gray



CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes

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Name of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes designated contact for TRRC's proposed rail line:

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Phone: _____
e-mail: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please mail to: Catherine Glidden
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Washington, DC 20423

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December 18, 2012

Northern Arapaho Tribe
Jim Shakespeare, Chairman
P.O. Box 396
Ft. Washakie, WY 82514

Re: Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc.—Rail Construction and Operation—
in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana: Government-to-Government
Consultation

Dear Chairman Shakespeare:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate formal government-to-government consultations with the Northern Arapaho Tribe regarding the above-referenced project.

As you know, the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) October 29, 2012 e-mail to you provided your tribe with information regarding our responsibility for preparing the appropriate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation for the proposed project. This was followed by our December 11, 2012 letter that laid out our responsibilities to consult with you regarding potential effects from the proposed project to historic properties as defined under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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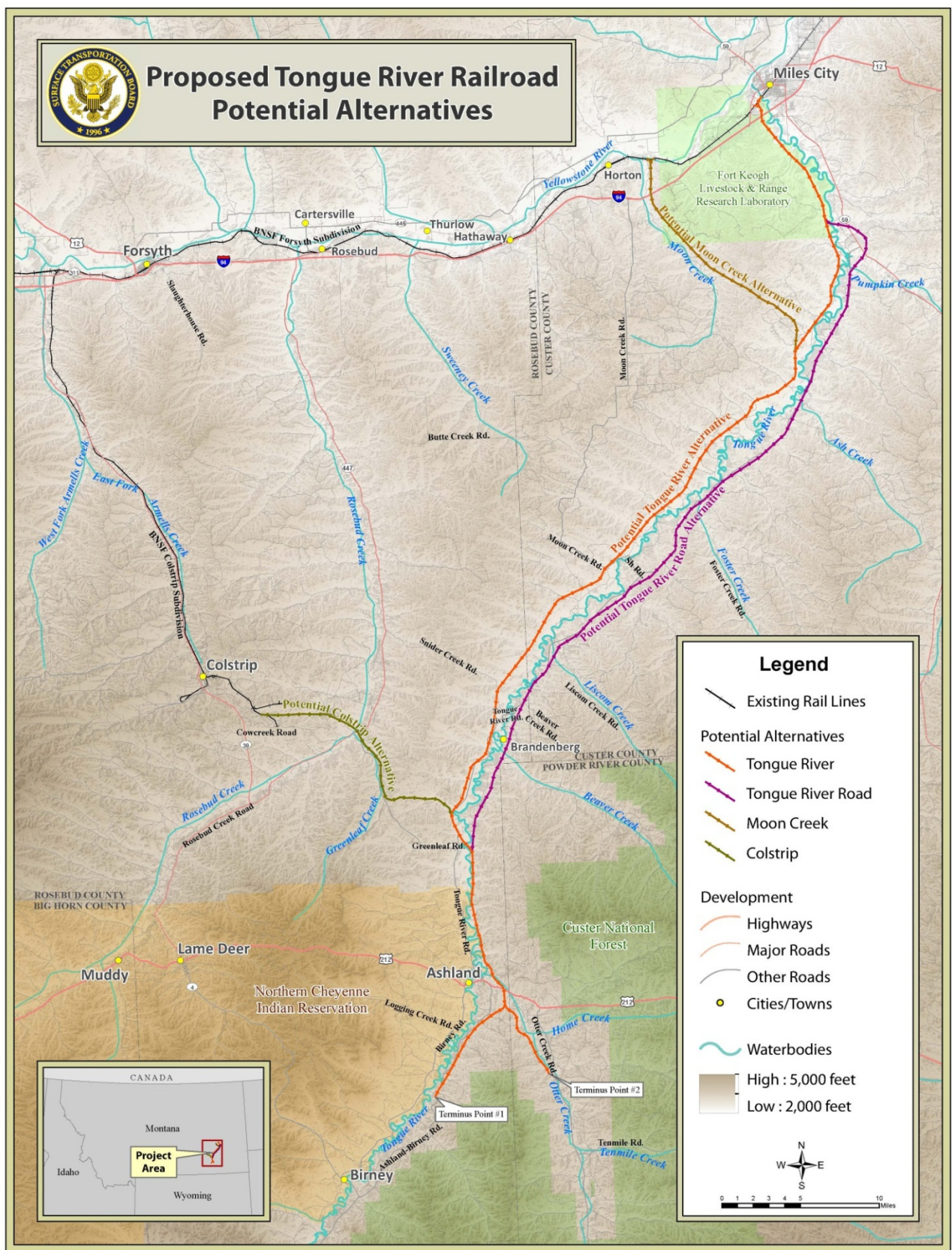
Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures: Map of Potential Alternatives; Consultation Questionnaire
cc: Darlene Conrad



Proposed Tongue River Railroad Potential Alternatives



CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Northern Arapaho Tribe

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Project Name: TRRC's proposed rail line

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Name of the Northern Arapaho Tribe designated contact for TRRC's proposed rail line:

Please print

Phone: _____
e-mail: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please mail to: Catherine Glidden
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395 E Street, SW
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Or Email to: gliddenc@stb.dot.gov



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Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

December 18, 2012

Crow Creek Sioux Tribe
Brandon Sazue Sr., Chairman
P.O. Box 50
Ft. Thompson, SD 57339-0050

Re: Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc.—Rail Construction and Operation—
in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana: Government-to-Government
Consultation

Dear Chairman Sazue:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate formal government-to-government consultations with the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe regarding the above-referenced project.

As you know, the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) October 29, 2012 e-mail to you provided your tribe with information regarding our responsibility for preparing the appropriate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation for the proposed project. This was followed by our December 11, 2012 letter that laid out our responsibilities to consult with you regarding potential effects from the proposed project to historic properties as defined under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

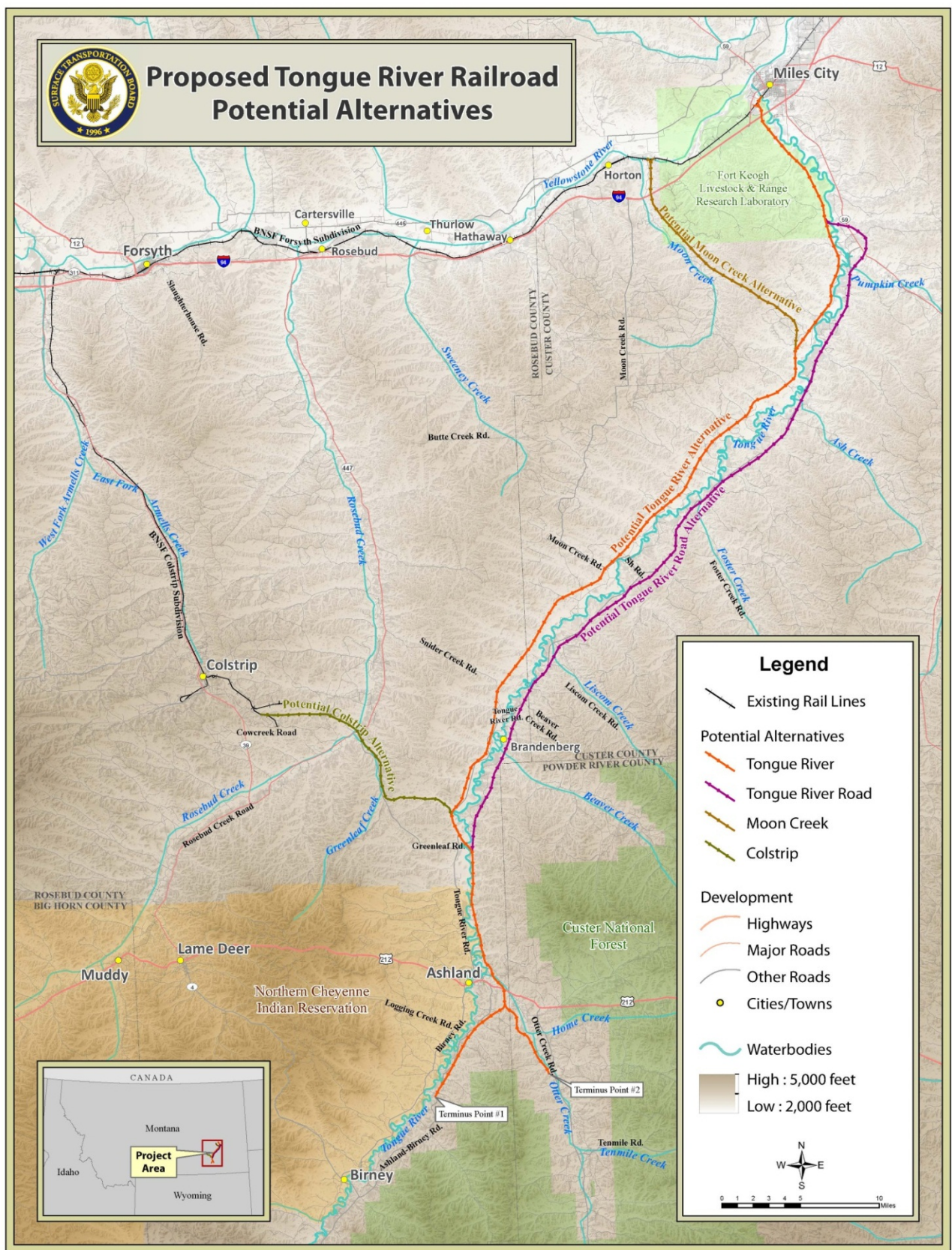
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Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures: Map of Potential Alternatives; Consultation Questionnaire
cc: Wanda Wells



CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Crow Creek Sioux Tribe

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Name of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe designated contact for TRRC's proposed rail line:

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Phone: _____
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Signed: _____ Date: _____

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December 18, 2012

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
Charlie Vig, Chairman
2330 Sioux Trail NW
Prior Lake, MN 55372-9077

Re: Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc.—Rail Construction and Operation—
in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana: Government-to-Government
Consultation

Dear Chairman Vig:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate formal government-to-government consultations with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community regarding the above-referenced project.

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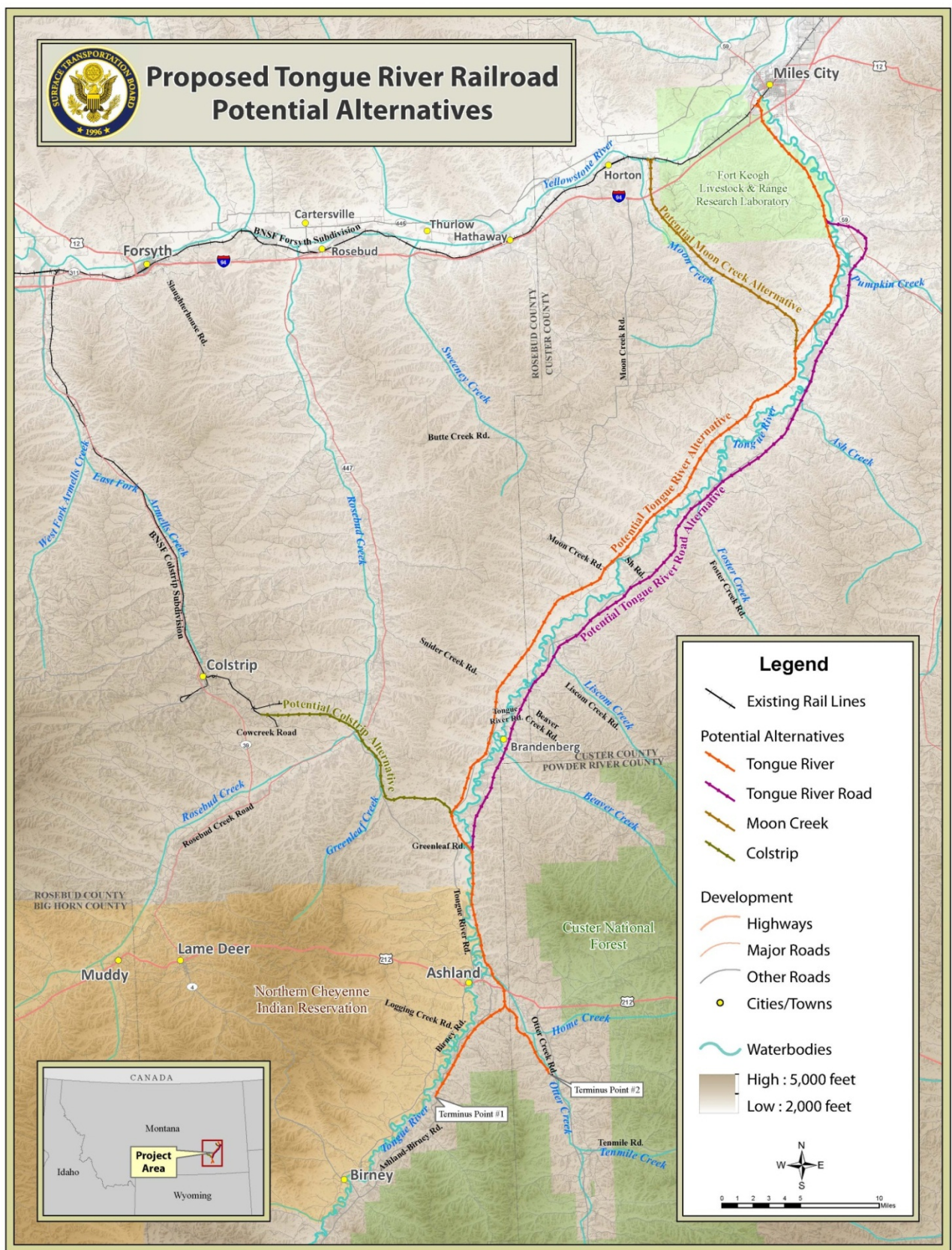
Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
Director
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Enclosures: Map of Potential Alternatives; Consultation Questionnaire
cc: Leonard Wabasha



Proposed Tongue River Railroad Potential Alternatives



CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

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Project Name: TRRC's proposed rail line

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Name of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community designated contact for TRRC's proposed rail line:

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Phone: _____
e-mail: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please mail to: Catherine Glidden
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December 18, 2012

Three Affiliated Tribes: Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation
Tex Hall, Chairman
404 Frontage Road
New Town, ND 58763

Re: Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc.—Rail Construction and Operation—
in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana: Government-to-Government
Consultation

Dear Chairman Hall:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate formal government-to-government consultations with the Three Affiliated Tribes: Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation regarding the above-referenced project.

As you know, the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) October 29, 2012 e-mail to you provided your tribes with information regarding our responsibility for preparing the appropriate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation for the proposed project. This was followed by our December 11, 2012 letter that laid out our responsibilities to consult with you regarding potential effects from the proposed project to historic properties as defined under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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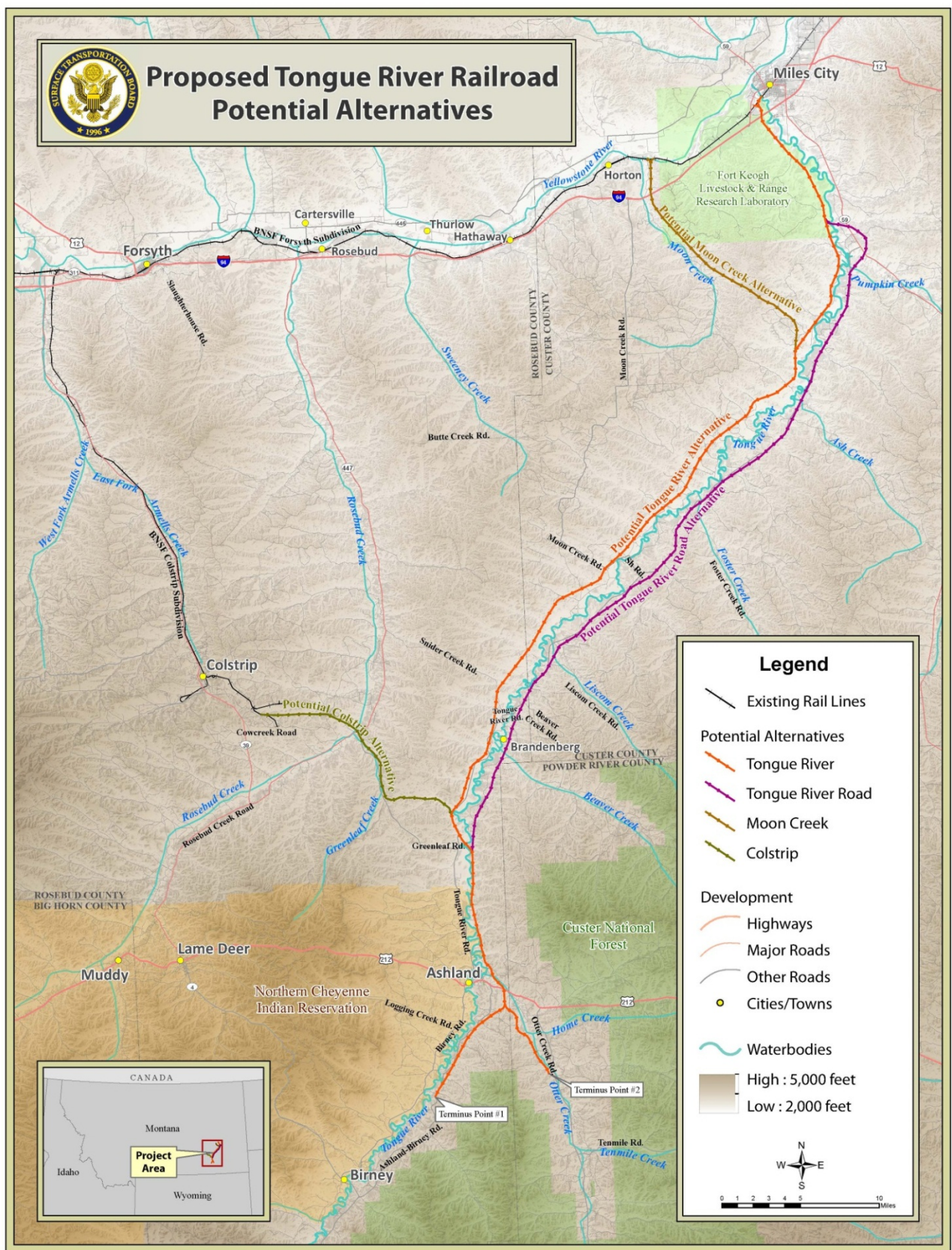
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Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
Director

Office of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures: Map of Potential Alternatives; Consultation Questionnaire
cc: Elgin Crows Breast



CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Three Affiliated Tribes: Mandan, Hidatsa &Arikara Nation

STB Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc. (TRRC)—Rail Construction and Operation—in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana.

Project Name: TRRC's proposed rail line

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Name of the Three Affiliated Tribes: Mandan, Hidatsa &Arikara Nation designated contact for TRRC's proposed rail line:

Please print

Phone: _____
e-mail: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please mail to: Catherine Glidden
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December 18, 2012

Lower Sioux Indian Community
Denny Prescott, President
P.O. Box 308
Morton, MN 56270

Re: Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc.—Rail Construction and Operation—
in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana: Government-to-Government
Consultation

Dear President Prescott:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate formal government-to-government consultations with the Lower Sioux Indian Community regarding the above-referenced project.

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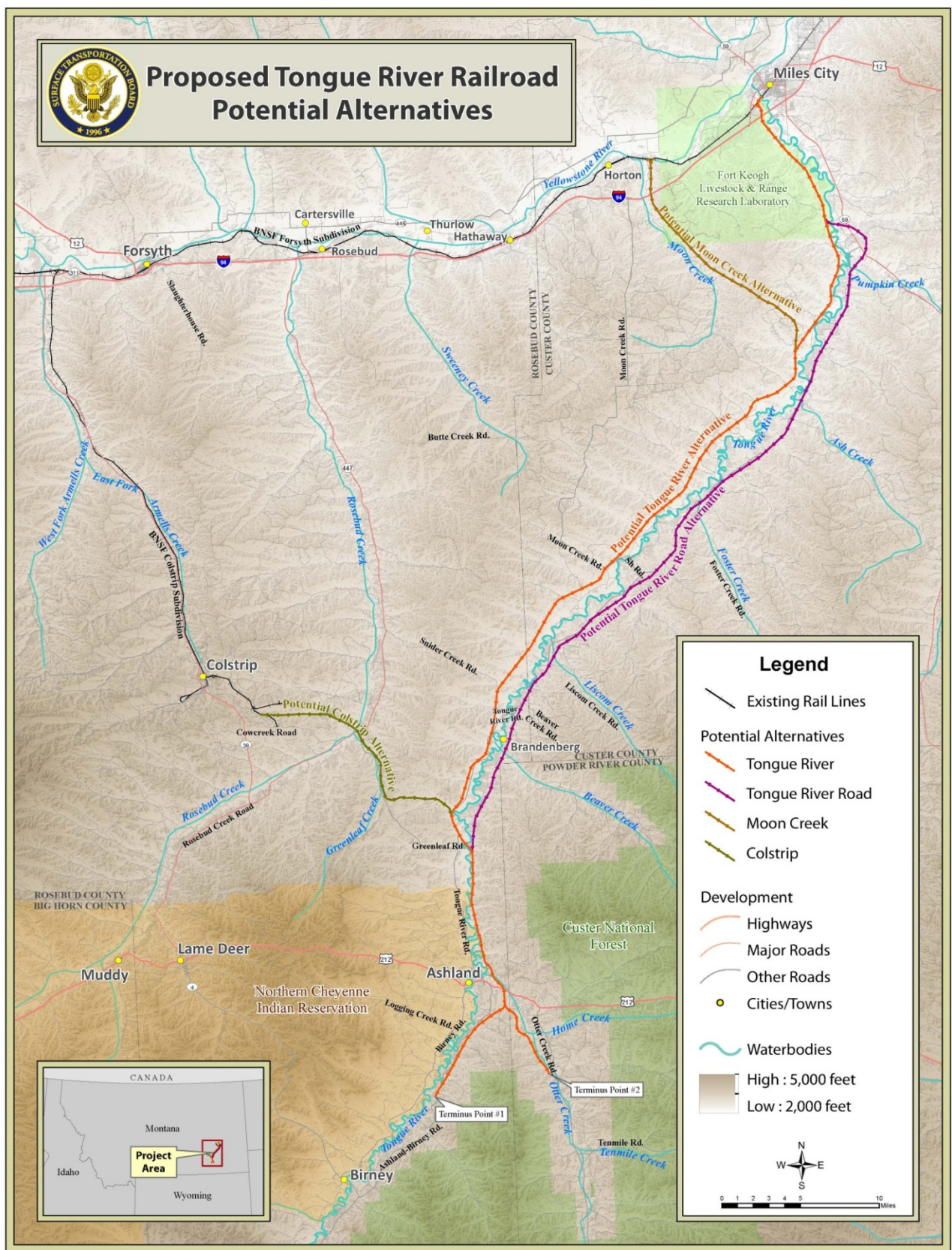
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Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures: Map of Potential Alternatives; Consultation Questionnaire
cc: Anthony Morse



CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Lower Sioux Indian Community

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Project Name: TRRC's proposed rail line

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Name of the Lower Sioux Indian Community designated contact for TRRC's proposed rail line:

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Phone: _____
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Signed: _____ Date: _____

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December 18, 2012

Upper Sioux Community
Kevin Jensvold, Chairman
P.O. Box 147
Granite Falls, MN 56241-0147

Re: Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc.—Rail Construction and Operation—
in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana: Government-to-Government
Consultation

Dear Chairman Jensvold:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate formal government-to-government consultations with the Upper Sioux Community regarding the above-referenced project.

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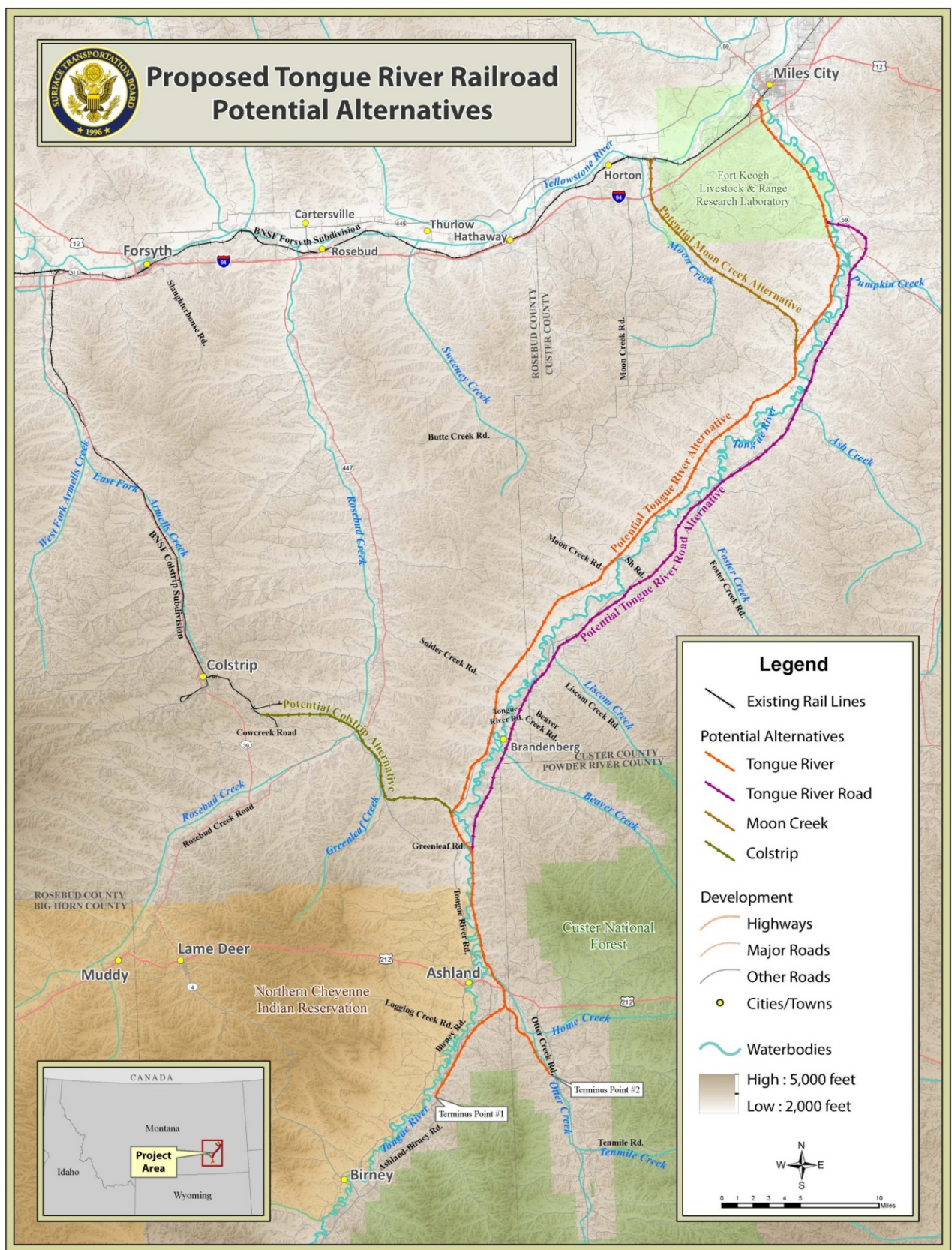
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Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures: Map of Potential Alternatives; Consultation Questionnaire
cc: Marlow LaBatte



Proposed Tongue River Railroad Potential Alternatives



CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Upper Sioux Community

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Project Name: TRRC's proposed rail line

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Name of the Upper Sioux Community designated contact for TRRC's proposed rail line:

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

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December 18, 2012

Blackfeet Nation
Willie A. Sharp Jr., Chairman
P.O. Box 850
Browning, MT 59417

Re: Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc.—Rail Construction and Operation—
in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana: Government-to-Government
Consultation

Dear Chairman Sharp:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate formal government-to-government consultations with the Blackfeet Nation regarding the above-referenced project.

As you know, the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) October 29, 2012 e-mail to you provided your tribe with information regarding our responsibility for preparing the appropriate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation for the proposed project. This was followed by our December 11, 2012 letter that laid out our responsibilities to consult with you regarding potential effects from the proposed project to historic properties as defined under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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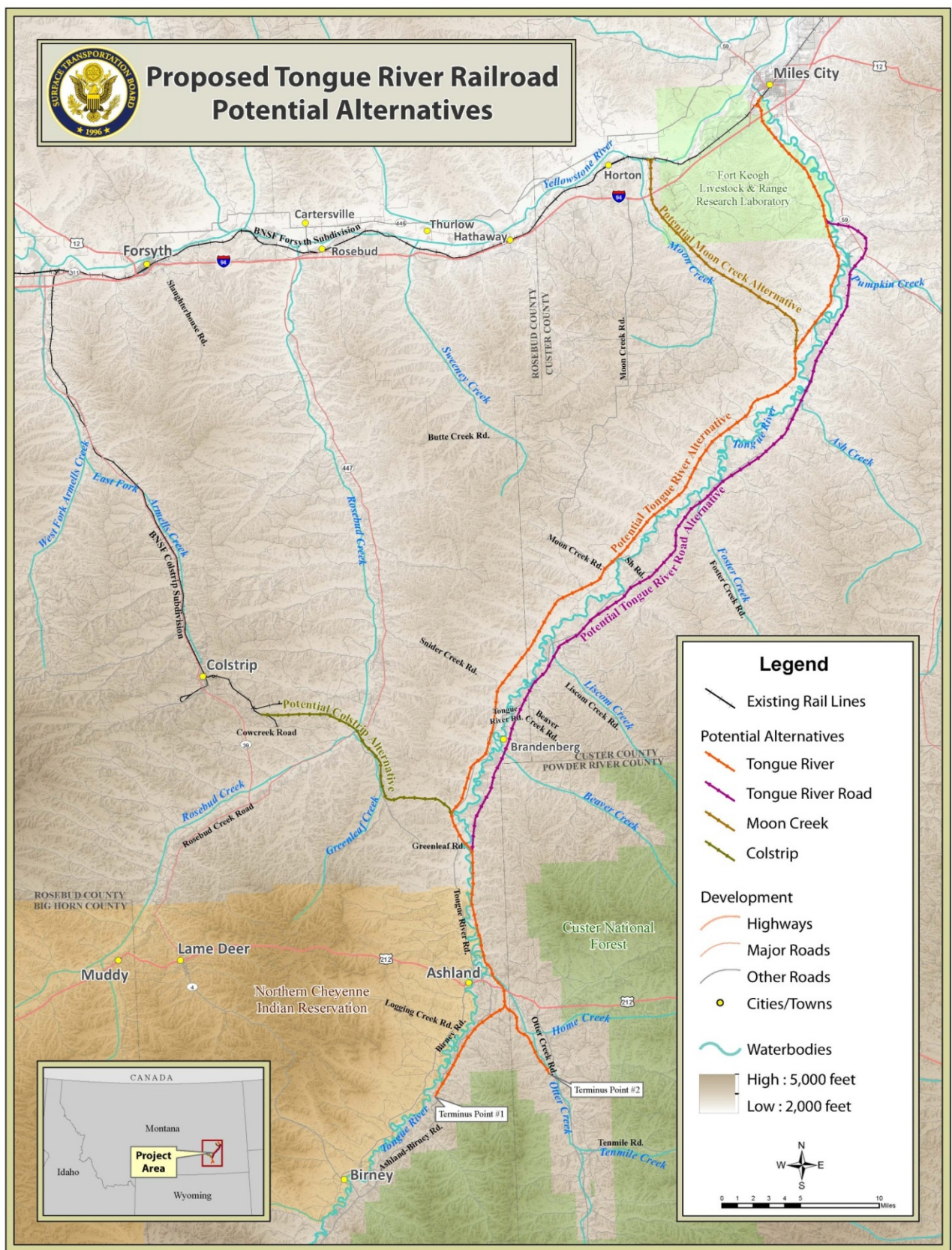
Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures: Map of Potential Alternatives; Consultation Questionnaire
cc: John Murray



Proposed Tongue River Railroad Potential Alternatives



CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Blackfeet Nation

STB Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc. (TRRC)—Rail Construction and Operation—in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana.

Project Name: TRRC's proposed rail line

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Name of the Blackfeet Nation designated contact for TRRC's proposed rail line:

Please print

Phone: _____
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Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please mail to: Catherine Glidden
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December 18, 2012

Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation
Michael Lajeunesse, Chairman
P.O. Box 217
Fort Washakie, WY 82514

Re: Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc.—Rail Construction and Operation—
in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana: Government-to-Government
Consultation

Dear Chairman Lajeunesse:

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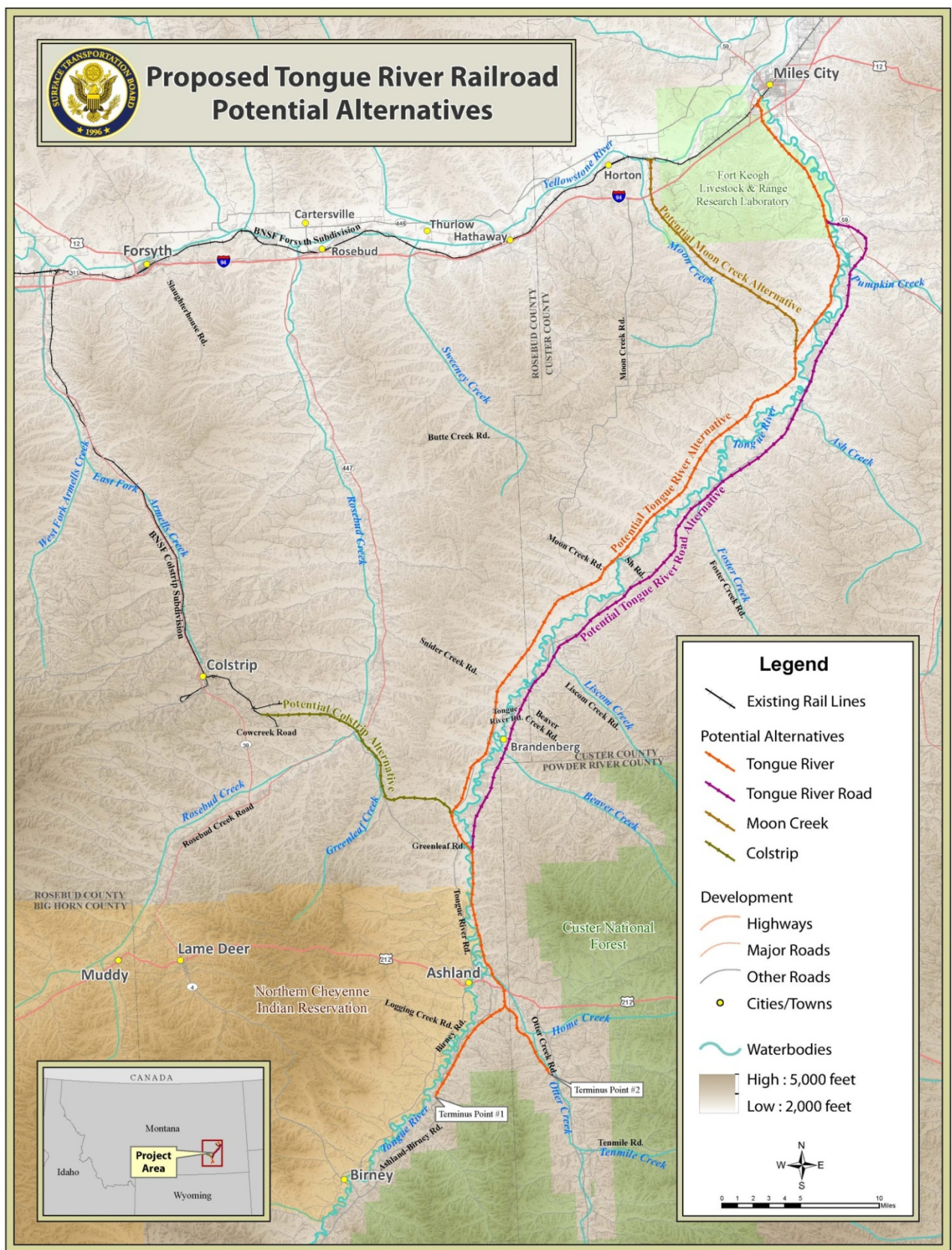
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CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation

STB Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc. (TRRC)—Rail Construction and Operation—in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties, Montana.

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Name of the Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation designated contact for TRRC's proposed rail line:

Please print

Phone: _____
e-mail: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please mail to: Catherine Glidden
STB Finance Docket No. 30186
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Or Email to: gliddenc@stb.dot.gov



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Washington, DC 20423

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December 18, 2012

Northern Cheyenne Tribe
John Robinson, President
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Lame Deer, MT 59043

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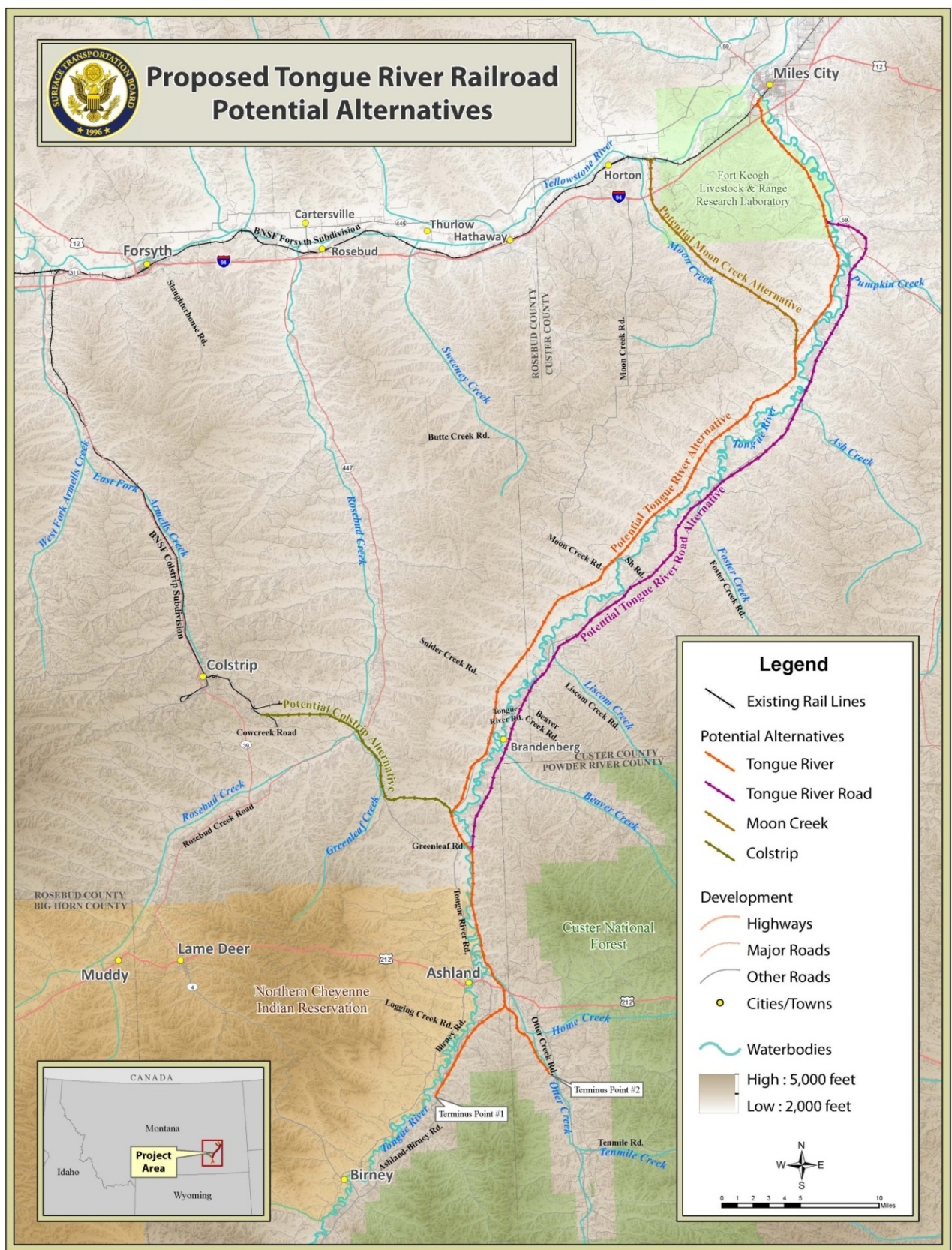
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