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Subject STB Report Reviews

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Cathy Glidden at the Surface Transportation Board asked that I forward the attached message to you on her behalf. The message is a reminder regarding the review period for providing comments on several archaeological survey reports that you should have received from STB over the past several months.

Included with this email are reviewer forms that you may find useful for providing comments to STB. A separate form is provided for each report, and each form includes a summary list of the resources and recommendations presented in that report. There are spaces on the form to provide recommendations on National Register eligibility or the need for additional evaluation and to identify additional locations where undocumented resources may exist. Instructions are included for completing and submitting the form to STB.

If you have any questions about this message or the report review process, please feel free to contact Cathy Glidden by phone (202-245-0293) or email Catherine.Glidden@stb.dot.gov

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Section of Environmental Analysis

January 31, 2008

To: Tribal Governments Interested In the Powder River Basin Expansion Project

The following four archaeological survey reports related to the DM&E Powder River Basin Expansion Project were submitted in 2007 (either hard copy or on CD) to cooperating agencies and interested tribes. Copies of these reports are also available on the Powder River Basin Project website: www.stbpa106.org. Your designated government representative should have received a username and password to access this website by email sometime during the past week. The reports include:

- *A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of Eight Portions of Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation's Powder River Basin Expansion Project, Segments 1 and 2, Campbell, Niobrara, and Weston Counties, Wyoming.* Prepared by TRC Mariah Associates, 2007. Distributed by STB for comment on August 31, 2007.
- *Level I and II Cultural Resource Survey and Site Testing Evaluation for 317 Miles of Railroad Reconstruction From the Minnesota Border to Wall, South Dakota: Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern's Proposed Powder River Expansion Project.* Prepared by Burns & McDonnell, 2001. Distributed by STB for comment on November 9, 2007.
- *A Level III Cultural Resources Evaluation of the Proposed Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation Powder River Basin Expansion Project Corridor, Huron Yard Locale, Beadle County, South Dakota.* Prepared by Archeology Lab at Augustana College, 2007. Distributed by STB for comment on November 9, 2007.
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At the Tribal Summit on January 15-16, 2008, the STB announced its intent to restart the 30-day review period for the aforementioned reports and is requesting comment from interested tribes on the adequacy of the reports and the National Register eligibility of properties identified and described within each report. STB is also requesting that interested tribes identify properties or locations within each of these project segments where field visits by tribal members are needed to assess potential traditional cultural values.

For your convenience, we have included individual comment forms for use with each of these reports. Please submit your report reviews to Catherine Glidden of the STB at the following address:

Ms. Catherine Glidden
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20043-0001
202-245-0293

Representatives from DM&E and their archaeological consultants (HDR Engineering and SWCA Environmental Consultants) will be available to discuss each of these reports with you at the next Tribal Summit scheduled for February 12 and 13, 2008.

Report Review & Comment Form

Powder River Basin Expansion Project

Report Information

Report Title:	A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Seven Remaining Portions of Dakota , Minnesota, and Eastern Railroad Corporation's Powder River Basin Expansion Project, Segments 1 and 2, Campbell, Niobrara, and Weston Counties, Wyoming.
Author(s):	TRC: Nathan Fleming et al.
Project Segment:	New Build - Wyoming
Date Submitted for Review:	November 9, 2007/January 21, 2008
Please Return By:	February 20, 2008

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Site #	Site Type	Report Recommends	Tribe Recommends		
			Eligible	Not Eligible	Further Study
48NO477	Native American lithic scatter	Not Eligible			
48WE1376	Historic homestead	Not Eligible			
48WE1377	Historic habitation	Not Eligible			
48WE1378	Native American lithic scatter	Not Eligible			
48WE1379	Native American lithic scatter	Not Eligible			
48WE1380	Native American open camp	Not Eligible			
48WE1381	Native American open camp	Eligible; Criterion D			
48WE1382	Historic habitation	Not Eligible			
48NO387	Multicomponent Native American open camp and historic glass fragments	Not Eligible			
48WE761	Native American stone	Unevaluated			

	circles and lithic scatter				
48WE1075	Multicomponent Native American lithic scatter and historic insulator	Not Eligible			
48WE1088	Multicomponent historic homestead and Native American lithic scatter	Not Eligible			
IR-AD-1	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-AD-2	Historic isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-MN-1	Historic isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-MN-2	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-MN-3	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-MN-4	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-MN-5	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-MN-6	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-NF-16	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-NF-17	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-NF-18	Historic isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-NF-24	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-NF-25	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			

IR-NF-26	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-NF-27	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-NF-28	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-NF-29	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-NF-30	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-NF-31	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-NF-32	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-NF-33	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-NF-34	Historic isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-NF-35	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			

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Additional Comments (attach separate documentation if needed)

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Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

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Report Review & Comment Form Powder River Basin Expansion Project

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Author(s):	ALAC: Austin A. Buhta
Project Segment:	Rehab
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			Eligible	Not Eligible	Further Study
39BE2003	Historic railroad	Eligible; Criteria A and C			
39BE156	Historic artifact scatter	Not Eligible			
39BE158	Historic farmstead	Not Eligible			
39BE159	Historic/contemporary dump	Not Eligible			

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			Eligible	Not Eligible	Further Study
39JN4	Native American campsite	Unevaluated			
39HU52	Historic military fort	Unevaluated			
39HU7	Native American village (McClure site)	Already Listed on NRHP, Criteria A and D			
39HU5	Native American village site	Already Listed on NRHP, Criteria A and D			
39HU77	Native American village site	Not Eligible			
39HU97	Native American earthlodge village with Historic Euroamerican occupation	Already Listed on NRHP, Criteria A and D; site includes human remains			
39HU133	Native American lithic scatter	Unevaluated			
39HU134	Historic habitation	Unevaluated			
39HU135	Historic habitation	Not Eligible			
39HD76	Historic town site	Not Eligible			
39HU262	Historic whistle stop	Not Eligible			
39JN9	Historic whistle stop	Not Eligible			
39HK79	Historic whistle stop	Not Eligible			
39HK77	Historic whistle stop	Eligible, Criterion D			
39HK76	Historic whistle stop	Eligible, Criterion D			

39JK239	Historic whistle stop	Not Eligible			
39PN1952	Historic whistle stop	Not Eligible			
39ST295	Historic whistle stop	Not Eligible			
39ST296	Historic whistle stop	Not Eligible			
39JN10	Historic whistle stop	Not Eligible			
39HU288	Historic whistle stop	Not Eligible			
39HU285	Historic whistle stop	Not Eligible			
39HE23	Historic whistle stop	Not Eligible			
39HE24	Historic Whistle Stop	Not Eligible			
39HU287	Native American cairn/stone feature	Unevaluated			
39HU289	Native American cairn/stone feature	Unevaluated			
39BE130	Historic whistle stop	Not Eligible			
39BE129	Historic whistle stop	Eligible, Criterion D and possibly A			
39BK104	Historic whistle stop	Not Eligible			
39KB12	Historic whistle stop	Not Eligible			
39KB13	Historic whistle stop	Not Eligible			
39HB37	Historic whistle stop	Not Eligible			
39KB14	Historic whistle stop	Not Eligible			
39HU286	Native American campsite	Not Eligible			
39HE21	Native American cairn/stone feature	Unevaluated			
39HU283	Native American cairn/stone feature	Unevaluated			
39HK78	Native American lithic scatter	Not Eligible			
39HU284	Native American cairn/stone feature	Unevaluated			
39HE22	Native American cairn/stone feature	Unevaluated			
39KB15	Historic whistle stop	Eligible, Criterion D			
IF WN-1	Native American flaked lithic	Not Eligible			
IF WN-2	Native American flaked lithic	Not Eligible			
IF ML-1	Native American flaked lithic	Not Eligible			
IF ML-2	Native American flaked lithic	Not Eligible			
IF ML-3	Native American flaked lithic	Not Eligible			

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48NO470	Historic structure remnants and trash scatter	Not Eligible			
48WE1347	Native American open camp	Not Eligible			
48WE1348	Multicomponent historic homestead and Native American lithic scatter	Not Eligible			
48WE1349	Native American open camp	Not Eligible			
48WE1350	Historic Carlson Ditch	Not Eligible			
48WE1352	Native American open camp	Not Eligible			
48CA1682	Multicomponent Native American open camp and historic structure/ trash scatter	Not Eligible			
48CA1683	Native American open camp	Not Eligible			
48NO388	Historic water well and artifact scatter	Not Eligible			
48WE1080	Historic homestead	Eligible; Criterion C			
48WE1084	Native American open camp and	Not Eligible			

	historic				
48WE1087	Native American lithic scatter	Not Eligible			
48WE1089	Historic trash scatter and well pad	Not Eligible			
48WE1280	Native American Stone circles and lithic scatter	Unevaluated			
IR-NF-1	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
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IR-NF-8	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
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IR-NF-10	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-NF-11	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-NF-12	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-NF-13	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-NF-14	Native American isolated resource	Not Eligible			
IR-NF-15	Historic isolated resource	Not Eligible			

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