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Hi Curley,

I am currently writing our tribal protocol and need a bit more time to work on it before sending it around for tribal review and input. However, if you have any thoughts, or suggestions, or ideas on what you think constitutes a good example of a tribal protocol please send it my way.

As far as Tongue River is concerned: We still have not heard from the new owners regarding the matters that I noted in my last email, thus it is hard for me to answer your project related questions. I do know from our tribal meeting that participating tribes want to be included in consultations from the design stage up. We will be certain to ensure that the new owners are aware of these concerns.

We want to keep folks informed and included as we sort out various project details with our new applicants. However, as of today, we still do not know exactly where the end points of the project will be. (What we do know is that the new owners only want to pursue Tongue I at this time.) Until we know specifically how the new owners intend to pursue the project I can't provide any dates or times for our planned calls or meetings. However, we felt that the two teleconferences (the first with tribes) would be a good next step once we have a better handle on of some of the project details. Once we have the needed facts in hand we will send out an informational email requesting recommended times for our two conference calls. Sorry I can't provide any further details at this time.

I also do not know of any new project information that BLM or ACOE has produced recently.

Thanks for your suggestions and comments. Please feel free to call me if you want to discuss any of these issues more fully.

All the best,
 Cathy

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Cathy,

Is there any other developments to why we're receiving an invite to a teleconference?

When do you expect the group to continue our "Consultation" concerning a new PA?

Does the new owners realize that the design stages is the preferred period that Tribes want to join in?

Has the Miles City; Bureau of Land Management and US Army Corps of Engineers produced

any additional information related to their concerns to meet Section 106?

Also, may we have a glimps at what's being created for a STB consultation protocol and

trust responsibility policy?

Thank you so much

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Hello All,

It has been a while since we last contacted you about the Tongue River Railroad Project. However, we are still awaiting word from the applicant regarding additional details on how they would like to proceed. We have been in close contact with David Coburn and explained to him the updated information that we need from the new owners -- a detailed description of the rail line that the applicant wants to move forward with, a map clearing showing the end points of the rail line, and information regarding tribal payment. In the interim we wanted to update you on what has transpired on the project and to propose some next steps.

As you know, Tongue River Railroad was sold to three investors (Tongue River Holding Company, LLC) who have decided not to proceed with Tongue River II and III but only construct Tongue I at this time. Construction of just Tongue I will mean a considerably shorter rail line extending only from Miles City to Ashland. Importantly, the project will no longer affect the Wolf Mountains Battlefield Site. However, the new project will require the development of a new PA for just Tongue I.

We propose to hold two conference calls as soon as we have the additional information from the applicant. We would like to hold the first call with all interested tribes. The second conference call would follow and would be held with all the Section 106 consulting parties. During both calls we would answer any questions regarding the purpose and extent of the new project.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the project or any of the above. As always, I can be reached at 202-245-0293, gliddenc@stb.dot.gov. You can also direct your calls or concerns to Kenneth Blodgett at 202-245-0454, blodgettk@stb.dot.gov.

All the best,

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