

**Tongue River Railroad Project PA - Conference call**

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Greetings,

The Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis invites you to participate in a conference call next month to discuss the Tongue River Railroad Project Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (PA).

As you know, the existing PA is set to expire on November 1, 2010. We are currently in the process of extending the existing PA until September 1, 2011. During the time that the temporary extension is in place, we seek to consult directly with concerned Federally recognized tribes regarding a revised PA that would appropriately address tribal concerns. We understand that the Wolf Mountain Battlefield and other sites within the current project Area of Potential Effect are very important places to the Northern Cheyenne and Crow tribes, in particular. Therefore, we would like to begin government-to-government consultations with the Northern Cheyenne and Crow tribes as soon as possible to ensure that tribal input is incorporated into an amended PA.

Please let me know if you are available to participate in a call on November 8th or 9th, 2010. I know that these dates are fast approaching and that you may have other things already scheduled for those days. November 22nd and 23rd are therefore provided as alternative dates. Please let me know this week what dates work best for you. Kenneth Blodgett, the environmental manager for this project, is currently on vacation but will return on November 8th.

Thank you for your interest and involvement in this project.

All the best,

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