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Mr. Ken Blodgett, Surface Transportation Board
Attention: Environmental filing
STB Finance Docket No. 30186
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

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**RE: Docket No. FD 30186, Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc. – Rail
Construction and Operation – in Custer, Powder River and Rosebud Counties,
Mont.**

Dear Mr. Blodgett:

Pertaining to the letter of the Rail Construction and Operation and the upcoming government-to-government meetings. At this time the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe's (CSKT) Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) is unable to attend these meetings. After review, our office has found that we do not have any immediate cultural resource concerns within the immediate vicinity of the proposed railroad route. As a result, we would prefer that consultation efforts be focused on those Tribal groups who have expressed an interest to be involved with this project. Please keep us on your mailing list so that we can continue to be informed of progress and/or changes that are happening with this project. We would like to reserve the right to re-enter consultation if information becomes available that warrants our participation in this project.

We appreciate the time and effort placed into the report provided to us. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me or Ira Matt at any time.

Sincerely,

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