

Powder River Basin Expansion Project
Cultural Resource Compliance Timeline

1998

February	DM&E files application with STB
March	STB announces intent to prepare an EIS
July	Initial Scoping period concluded
August	USFS, USBLM, USCOE join as cooperating agencies; US Coast Guard and Bureau of Reclamation join later
September	Extended Scoping period concluded; Notification letters sent to Tribes and other interested parties
November	Tribal Meeting – Medicine Wheel Alliance
December	Tribal Meeting – Medicine Wheel Coalition

1999

January	Burns & McDonnell is hired as STB Third Party Contractor to prepare EIS documentation including surveys for cultural resources
February	Surveys of architectural resources along MN/SD rebuild segment; additional notification letters sent to Tribes; Tribal Meeting – Medicine Wheel Coalition & MN Indian Affairs Council
March	Tribal meetings – Northern Cheyenne Tribe; Great Sioux Nation Treaty Council; Northern Cheyenne Tribe; Gray Eagle Society, Pine Ridge Reservation; Rosebud Sioux Tribe; Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; Cheyenne River Sioux and Lower Brule Sioux tribes
April	Tribal meetings – Medicine Wheel Coalition; Comanche, Pawnee, Kiowa, Cheyenne/Arapaho tribes
May	Tribal meetings – Northern Arapaho and Shoshone tribes; Fort Peck, Lower Brule, Rosebud, Santee, Three Affiliated Tribes, Standing Rock tribes plus Medicine Wheel Coalition and MN Indian Affairs Council representatives; also federal agencies, ACHP, & SHPOs
June	Tribal Meeting – Crow Tribe and Oglala Sioux Tribe
July	Tribal Meeting – Minnesota Indian Affairs Council; Lower Brule Tribe; Fort Peck, Lower Brule, Rosebud, Three Affiliated Tribes, Standing Rock, Crow Creek, Northern Cheyenne, Oglala tribes plus Medicine Wheel Coalition, MN Indian Affairs Council, Sioux Nation Treaty Council, Gray Eagle Society representatives; also federal agencies, DM&E, and SHPOs.
November	Archaeological surveys initiated along rebuild segments in Minnesota and South Dakota

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2000

February	Tribal Meeting – Oglala, Rosebud, Cheyenne River, Upper Sioux Community, Lower Brule, Standing Rock, Crow Creek, Yankton, Kiowa, Northern Cheyenne.
March	Burns & McDonnell completes a draft Research Design for archaeological resource survey of the MN Rebuild Segment
May	Draft architectural and structural resources inventory and evaluation report along the Rebuild Segment in SD.
June	Draft architectural and structural resources inventory and evaluation report along along the Rebuild Segment in MN.
July	Burns & McDonnell completes a draft archaeological survey report for the SD Rebuild segment
August	Burns & McDonnell's archaeology survey report on SD Rebuild Segment is distributed for comment to all cooperating agencies and 10 Tribes or Tribal organizations.
September	DEIS issued; Burns & McDonnell archaeology survey report on SD Rebuild Segment is sent to SD SHPO for review and comment.
October	University of South Dakota completes a draft archaeology survey report on the SD New Build Segment
December	SD SHPO provides comment on B&M archaeology report for the SD Rebuild segment; concurs with methodology employed and requests formal determinations of eligibility and effect for all resources

2001

February	USD's archaeology survey report on the SD New Build Segment is distributed to cooperating agencies and 38 Tribes and Tribal Organizations for comment
November	FEIS issued

2002

January	STB files decision approving FEIS with conditions
April	STB's approval challenged in 8 th Circuit Court of Appeals Ongoing cultural resource investigations suspended pending resolution of legal challenge

2003

May	ACHP approves Programmatic Agreement; signatories include six federal agencies
October	Court upholds STB decision with remands on four environmental issues

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2005

April	SEA files Draft Supplemental EIS with EPA to address remanded issues
June	Public comment period closes on Draft SEIS
December	SEA files Final Supplemental EIS with EPA
February	STB issues Record of Decision with 147 conditions

2006

April	STB's Decision challenged in 8 th Circuit Court of Appeals
August	DM&E contracts with HDR and other subcontractors to resume work on cultural resource investigations
December	Court affirms STB February 2006 decision

2007

January	Louis Berger Group hired as STB's Third-Party Contractor
May	STB sends letter to Cooperating Agencies and 38 Tribes and Tribal Organizations notifying its intent to resume consultation and implement the Programmatic Agreement
May to December	DM&E consultants continue archaeological inventory and evaluations
August	Meetings held with representatives from 13 Tribal governments and 2 Tribal organizations in Gillette, WY, Pierre SD, and Tracy, MN to discuss consultation needs; STB begins distribution of inventory and evaluation reports generated by DM&E subconsultants
August to September	Public Information meetings also held in Wall, Pierre, and Huron SD and Tracy and Winona MN to discuss treatment plan preparation for historic structures
October	Tribal consultation meetings in Rapid City, SD and Morton, MN
November/December	Tribal representatives participate in archaeological investigations in Wyoming and South Dakota

2008

January	Tribal consultation meeting in Rapid City, SD.
February	Tribal consultation meeting in Sioux Falls, SD.
April	Tribal consultation meetings in Pierre, SD and Morton, MN
April to June	DM&E consultants continue archaeological inventory and evaluations with tribal representatives
June	Price Site field review; DM&E reporting presented to the STB
July	DM&E hosts Northern Cheyenne representatives on visits at two locations to review for traditional cultural value
August	STB and DM&E meet with Minnesota SHPO; STB meets with Wyoming and South Dakota SHPOs
September	STB and DM&E meets with South Dakota SHPO; STB meets with South Dakota SHPO

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October	DM&E and STB meet with Wyoming SHPO; STB meets with Tribes in Pierre, SD
November	STB meets with Tribal representatives in Rapid City, SD to discuss Traditional Site Evaluation Study