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**Ms. Catherine Glidden
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Dear Ms. Glidden:

As a follow up to conversations and meetings involving the 68 unevaluated sites on the proposed DM&E Corridor, please consider this a response to your request for tribal involvement from the Yankton Sioux Tribe or the Ihanktonwan Dakota.

As a member of the Cultural Committee of the Yankton Sioux Tribe we are most definitely interested in being part of the tribal input in identifying these areas. We are most interested in the cairns, effigies, stone rings, altars, or stone features and other natural land formations that remain unevaluated. We of course are interested in all 68 but will need to sit down and negotiate areas per schedules, access issues and time frames. This important work can go beyond the NHPA for application to the NRHP and state listings.

We have two tribal individuals ready and available to be part of the tribal team evaluating these sites. We understand that as we provide this direction we will receive financial assistance, rooms, travel and honorarium. These individuals will be appointed by the Cultural Committee and subsequently coordination will occur with your office and the other tribes.

We would like to negotiate for a time frame in June, commencing with the 2nd week of June. We are able to set aside 3-4 weeks for this to happen.

Our appreciation is extended to you for advocating that such an important initiative occur.

Respectively,

**Faith Spotted Eagle,
Representative, Yankton Cultural Committee**