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Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 12:32 AM
To: Withrow, Randy; eagletrax@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Field Visits to DM&E Sites - Final Information

Randy, I am submitting the names of the individuals who will work as follows and our schedule: I am attending most of it as an elder representative of the Cultural Committee. I will be accompanied by two individuals who will assist me as I have physical limitations and both have roles that are important: one is a spiritual leader and the other is a surveyor/monitor trained in Indigenous Knowledge and the Yankton Taxonomy. It is essential that we have a male/female spiritual rep present as some of the sites are gender related and can be determined by male or female. This is probably beyond the concept of archaeology. This Indigenous knowledge is very old.

I will be faxing the paperwork for the individuals by tomorrow which is the 26th? Is Wednesday too late? At all times, Yankton will have three people on the ground, which includes myself as an elder. From June 1-5 it will be myself, Glenn Drapeau and Marisa Joseph. From June 8-12, it will be myself and Oitancan Man Zephier and Michael Flying Hawk. From June 15-19 it will be Michael Flying Hawk and Oitancan Mani Zephier. From June 22-26 it will be Glenn Drapeau and Marisa Joseph who will assist me. I am sincerely hoping this will be fine. Tues-Thurs most of the tribes have crews out in the field, but you can try to call me on my cell at 605-481-0416. I will also try to check e-mail althou we are out in the field.

Subject: FW: Field Visits to DM&E Sites - Final Information
Date: Thu, 21 May 2009 17:59:06 -0400
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Hi Faith,

Haven't heard from you about this (see Cathy's email information below regarding site visits). Tried the phone number I had for you but it doesn't seem to work anymore.

Please give me a call when you get a chance. My cell phone # is 515-441-6497 if you need to reach me outside normal office hours.

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Subject: Field Visits to DM&E Sites - Final Information

Greetings to Everyone:

STB is pleased to announce that it has a schedule for conducting visits to unevaluated archaeological sites located along the Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation's proposed right-of-way corridor in South Dakota and Wyoming. The first field visits will begin on June 2 and end June 4th. June 1 and June 5 will act as travel days. We have reserved hotels at America's Best Value Inn in Gillette, WY. (More information regarding accommodations will be forthcoming.)

As discussed during our recent meeting at Wakpa Sica, we currently do not have access to all of the 68 unevaluated sites with stone features, but we are prepared to take you and/or your tribe's authorized representative to sites where we currently do have access. We will begin with visits to sites located on US Forest Service land south of Gillette, Wyoming beginning the week of June 1st and will gradually work our way eastward toward Pierre, SD over a four-week period (June 1 through June 26, 2009). Please refer to the attached file named "Site Visit Guidelines and Conditions" for additional details and information.

You should know that we received notice from 10 different tribes each of which expressed interest in visiting all 68 sites. Unfortunately, DM&E does not have a sufficient budget nor time to take everyone to visit all 68 sites. In addition, it would not be feasible to take such a large number of people to a site at any given time. For this reason, we may need limit the number of sites that each tribal representatives will be able to see. As such, I respectfully ask that you please review the attached list of sites once again and carefully consider which of these sites are of greatest interest to your tribe. Based on your responses, we will make these sites our first priorities for you. Absent clear guidance from you, STB will schedule individual site visits accordingly. In addition, we will likely need to split tribal representatives into groups on any given day based on physical fitness and stamina as many sites are located in areas that are simply **not** accessible to anyone who cannot hike through rough terrain and/or long distances. We expect to discuss these issues with you when we first meet in June. I am hopeful that with your cooperation and advice that we can work out a prudent solution to these challenges.

In order to finalize arrangements for site access, lodging, advance payment, and other things, we must have the following:

1. Final List of Names of Participants

2. Statement from tribal government authorizing participant to provide recommendations on site eligibility to STB. (Signed by the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer or a member of your tribal government).

3. Liability Waiver (please sign and return)

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