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Dear Ms. Rutson:

Thank you for providing the National Park Service, Intermountain Region, with information regarding the Tongue River Railroad Company plans to construct a railroad line through the Wolf Mountains Battlefield /Where Big Crow Walked Back and Forth National Historic Landmark in Rosebud County, Montana. We also thank you for the invitation to participate in the Section 106 consultation for this project.

As stated in 36 CFR Part 800.10 (c), federal agencies are required to notify the Secretary of the Interior (delegated to the National Park Service) of any consultation involving an undertaking at a National Historic Landmark. That same paragraph in the Code of Federal Regulations specifies that the agency will invite the Secretary to participate in the consultation where there may be an adverse effect on the NHL.

As noted in your letter dated December 21, 2010, the Tongue River Railroad Company alignment approved by the Surface Transportation Board runs through the National Historic Landmark and would have a direct adverse impact on the site. As such, the National Park Service accepts your invitation to participate as a consulting party in the Section 106 process for this project.

Please feel free to contact me directly regarding these consultation discussions. I may be reached at (303)969-2882 and/or at christine_whitacre@nps.gov.

We appreciate your interest in preserving our nation's historic resources.

Sincerely,

Christine Whitacre
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