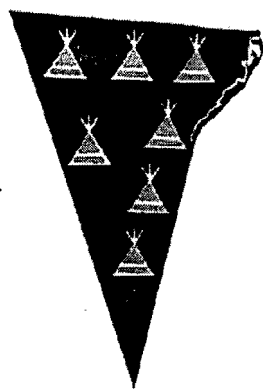


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Dear Ms. Glidden,

I am writing with regard to the Field site visits which tribes participated during the month of June. I have concerns regarding the time frame for the determinations you are expecting on the sites. The deadline of July 6th for the first reports is not a reasonable amount of time for tribes to consult and reach consensus on what we feel we can or should disclose with regard to each of these sites. We need to have the opportunity to sit at the table and confer with one another regarding the sites. The Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate is requesting an extension which would allow us this time.

I am also requesting you schedule a meeting to allow tribes an opportunity to have this discussion. I hope this meeting could take place as soon as possible. In speaking with RST and SRST we discussed the possibility of Wakpa Sica at Ft. Pierre next week. We agreed this would work for us. You should contact Kathe Arcoren at Rosebud as she was going to try to secure a day or two at Wakpa Sica. I would also suggest you be available for this meeting and if Wakpa Sica will not work anywhere you can schedule will be fine. This meeting is of great importance to tribes and every effort needs to be made to accommodate this. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dianne Desrosiers
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer