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RE: Tongue River RR draft PA, roles and responsibilities of agencies

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Hi Richard,

See our comments below. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

If a selected alternative or associated infrastructure crosses land managed by the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, USDA-ARS is responsible for negotiating changes to the Easement Deed entered into between USDA-ARS and the applicant on May 24, 1989 and its amendments (1994 and 1996). Changes will be based on current conditions on the grounds of Fort Keogh.

Thanks,

Erica

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Of course, thank you very much Erica! We were hoping to distribute the revised draft PA to all the Section 106 consulting parties on Friday so they get it before the monthly call on Monday. If you don't get it to us Friday, we'll just plug it in whenever you are ready.

Thanks again!

Rick

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Sent: Wednesday, December 03, 2014 11:26 AM

To: Starzak, Richard

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Good Afternoon,

As the Real Property Leasing Officer for USDA- ARS, I will be responding to the roles and responsibilities in the draft PA. Please give me a day or two to finalize our response.

Best Regards,

Erica

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To: Jones, Erica

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Erica: have you received this previously? Do you want me to respond? Thanks, mark

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From: Starzak, Richard [Richard.Starzak@icfi.com]

Received: Wednesday, 03 Dec 2014, 12:09pm

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Hi Mark,

I hope you are well. We are trying to wrap up the changes to the draft PA, and I don't recall seeing a response from you about USDA-ARS' roles and responsibilities in the PA, should STB license a build alternative that crosses USDA lands. Please let me know how best to edit the draft text below. Maybe it is something as simple as "USDA-ARS will provide STB with current determinations of National Register eligibility on ARS land, including the Hogback Pasture." I've included BLM's response in case that helps you.

B. Other Federal Agencies

1. USACE-note any responsibilities of the Corps, if applicable.
2. BLM-- If a selected alternative or associated infrastructure crosses lands managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, BLM is responsible for issuing a right-of-way under Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C 1701) as amended. Crossing BLM managed lands would be considered a Federal undertaking and require BLM to comply with NHPA and 36 CFR 800. If the southern route was selected the right-of-way would avoid the BLM Wolf Mountain Battlefield Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) since the ACEC is closed to right-of-ways.
3. Montana DOT-note any special responsibilities for alternatives that cross a highway
4. USDA-ARS-note any responsibilities for alternatives that cross ARS land

Thanks so much,

Rick

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Hi Lisa, Chris, and Mark,

We are working on revisions to the Draft PA, and the ACHP asked us to add a roles and responsibilities stipulation. The text is immediately below and the file is attached to the e-mail. You should be able to see where Doug Melton has already supplied text for the BLM.

Would you be able to supply us with text for your respective agencies? Thank you so much.

Rick

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