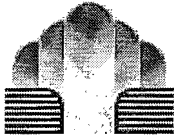


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Subject DM&E National Register Eligibility Recommendations -
FINAL DUE DATE JULY 27

Hello Everyone:

A) Deadline for Input of Unevaluated Sites: Monday, July 27th

Please be advised that STB will need any National Register eligibility recommendations for the sites listed below by this coming Monday, July 27. Thus far, we have only received formal comments on 7 of the 36 unevaluated sites for which DM&E provided access and payment. Those comments have come from the Upper Sioux Tribe. We have received no formal recommendations from tribes regarding sites visited during weeks 2-4. We do have monitor notes from the Northern Cheyenne regarding some of the remaining sites. However, these notes do not indicate if the listed sites are eligible using the National Register Criteria.

Week 1 Sites:

48CA0098
48CA1406/48CA1719
48CA1490/48CO0726
48CA1709
48CA3527
48CA3638
48CA3781
48CA6453

Week 2 Sites:

48CA0097
48CA1528/48CA2879/48CA2880
48CA2291
48CA3508
48CA3652
48CA3653
48CA3655
48CA6451

Week 3: (11 Sites visited during the week of June 15-19)

39CU1417
39CU1822
39CU1823
39CU1824
39CU1825
39CU1850
39CU1851

39CU1852
39CU1853
39FA1361
39FA1362
39FA1375

Week 4: (8 Sites visited during the week of June 22-26)

39CU1816 (Special interest to Northern Cheyenne)
39CU1817
39CU1819
39CU1830
39CU1857
39CU1926
39PN1741
39PN1783

Please be advised that if we do not receive input on unevaluated sites from you as tribal experts, that we will have to make National Register determinations based solely on the information that we have at hand. Not having tribal input on some of the unevaluated sites will make it very hard for STB to find the sites eligible as properties of traditional religious and cultural significance (unless, of course, you don't think they're eligible). In past correspondence with SHPOs in Wyoming and South Dakota, we have been informed that we need input from tribes on a site-by-site basis. Thus your National Register recommendations should be presented site-by-site using the National Register Criteria (A, B, C, D). Please provide statements for *each* site indicating why the site is important to your tribe and under which National Register Criteria that you think the site is eligible and why. (See link for a list of the National Register Criteria http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/publications/bulletins/nrb15/nrb15_2.htm.)

Only tribes that have provided National Register eligibility recommendations on sites visited during the first round of visits will be invited to participate in any remaining site visits.

B) Visits to remaining Unevaluated Sites

We will begin the next round of field visits to the remaining unevaluated sites the third week in August. We intend to cover the remaining sites in two weeks (August 17 - August 28). Please let me know of your interest and availability in participating in any of the remaining field visits.

Due to budgetary considerations we will only be authorizing payment of one participant per tribe to the remaining sites.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the above. Randy Withrow will be out of the office until Monday.
Thanks in advance for your prompt attention to the above!

Best Regards,

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