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Cathy Glidden
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Dear Ms Glidden:

After reviewing the Tongue River Railroad Environmental Impact Statement Scoping meetings scheduled here in southeastern Montana there is a conflict in the scheduling process. The scoping meeting for Lame Deer is scheduled for the 12th of November and that particular day is a federal holiday.

There will be minimal participation by the community members here in Lame Deer, Montana. As a cultural group and a federal recognized tribe we honor and commemorate all those that served in the US armed forces during the holiday. Much of the cultural activities occur throughout the day and the participation in the scoping would be minimal.

Because of the importance and long term consequences of impacts the railroad will bring to the Northern Cheyenne Tribe we strongly suggest that an alternative date be considered by the Surface Transportation Board. The Northern Cheyenne Tribe, as a federal recognized tribe and its members will be significantly impacted by the railroad and need to be participants in the scoping session

Your consideration of an alternative date would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Leroy A. Spang, President
Northern Cheyenne Tribe

LITTLE WOLF AND MORNING STAR - Out of defeat and exile they led us back to Montana and won our Cheyenne homeland that we will keep forever.