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RE: Site visits.

Dear Ms. Glidden,

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe Office of Historic Preservation sends you greetings. As per the meeting of April 20th-21st, 2009 with your office and Louis-Berger representative, Randy Withrow, we are responding to your request.

Those sites along the DM&E corridor that contain stone rings, cairns, effigies, or other stone features that have been evaluated or unevaluated by archaeologists will warrant investigation by the two members appointed to this task by the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. In providing this service the members appointed will need financial assistance, rooms, travel, and honorarium.

Additionally, those sites that may contain unrecognized features or do not meet NHPA criteria and possess inexplicable features are of interest to our Tribe. Archaeologists have the capacity to evaluate only some of these site types solely under the guidelines as designed under the NHPA for application to the NRHP or listing in the state site files. We feel that these site types need some investigation by Native consultants to ascertain their significance. We will send a listing of those sites that we think should be investigated during the forthcoming field visits.

A time frame that is workable for our representatives is the first two weeks of June. Should the investigations go beyond this time period, perhaps an additional time can be made in the second week of July.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter of great importance to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell Eagle Bear", written over the printed name.

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