



May 20, 2008

Ms. Catherine Glidden  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street SW  
Washington, DC 20043-0001

RE: *A Level III Cultural Resources Evaluation of the Proposed Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation's Powder River Basin Expansion Project Corridor, Custer, Fall River, and Pennington Counties, South Dakota*

Dear Ms. Glidden:

Please find enclosed one copy of a draft archaeological resources inventory and evaluation for the Powder River Basin Project (PRB Project) in South Dakota. This report documents data on archaeological properties documented in the New Build portion of the PRB Project by the Archaeology Laboratory-Augustana College (ALAC), under contract to HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR), in 2006 and 2007. We have reviewed the report with staff from the Louis Berger Group (LBG) and have resolved comments. The report is now ready for distribution to the PRB Project Cooperating Agencies and Tribes per the process outlined in the Programmatic Agreement (PA).

The report has been converted into PDF files to facilitate the STB review. The files have been uploaded to HDR's FTP Public Site (<ftp://ftp.hdrinc.com>). You will be prompted to enter a username (UAD\MMADSONHDR) and password (sunshine) before downloading the report files. As discussed with LBG staff last week, LBG will be responsible for finding the files on the FTP site, burning them to a CD, and distributing the CDs to the appropriate parties.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if I can assist in the distribution of the report. Please provide me a copy of the cover letter submitted to the Cooperating Agencies and Tribes that includes when you plan to close the comment period. Provide any comments on the report at your earliest convenience to Michael Madson ([mmadson@hdrinc.com](mailto:mmadson@hdrinc.com)) so that he may begin planning responses. We look forward to the comments from the Cooperating Agencies and Tribes.

Sincerely,

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T7S, R1E; T7S, R2E; T7S, R8E; T8S, R2E; T8S, R3E; T8S, R8E; T9S, R3E; T9S, R4E; T9S, R6E; T9S, R7E; T9S, R8E**

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