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February 13, 2008

Ms. Catherine Glidden
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Extension of review period.

Dear Ms. Glidden,

The undersigned Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPO) and Cultural Committee Representatives (CCR) request an extension to the review period of the four (4) archaeological reports submitted to the Surface Transportation Board for comment and determination. The twentieth (20th) of February is not conducive to nor sufficient time for the THPO's and CCR's to comment with certainty on the archaeological sites previously recorded and reported on within these reports.

The sites pending determination will be commented on in the future for Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) potential. Those sites, TCP's or sacred site designation(s), will need special consideration and internal tribal consultation before articulation will be considered sufficiently applicable for this undertaking.

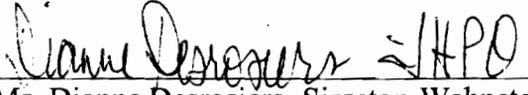
The THPO's have an extremely stringent schedule with approximately thirteen (13) projects of varying degrees of complexity scattered over the Northern Plains and into Canada. THPO's have steadily been in attendance at meetings with the STB, Louis-Berger, HDR, and DM&E personnel. Please understand that time allotments for direct scheduling of resources (office and personnel) are limited in extant.

Therefore, it is with this consideration that the respective THPO's call for an increase in comment period time allocation for an additional 30 days until March 21st, 2008 so that adequate analysis can be provided.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

Mr. Russell Eagle Bear- Rosebud Sioux Tribe


Ms. Dianne Desrosiers- Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

Mr. Tim Mentz- Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

Ms. Pam Halverson- Lower Sioux Tribe

Mr. Conrad Fisher- Northern Cheyenne Tribe

Mr. Sam Allen- Flandreau Sioux Tribe

Mr. Curley Youpee- Ft. Peck Sioux Tribe

Ms. Joyce Whiting- Oglala Sioux Tribe

Ms. Joann White – Northern Arapahoe Tribe

Mr. Brady Grant- Turtle Mountain Chippewa

Mr. Robert Campbell- Santee Sioux Tribe