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Section of Environmental Analysis

December 15, 2007

Ms. Sandra Barnum
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Department of the Army US Army - Engineer District, Omaha
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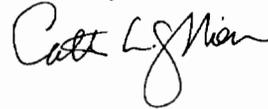
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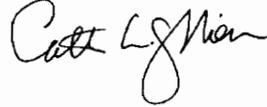
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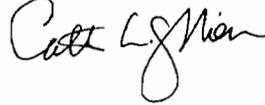
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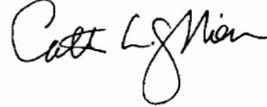
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Mr. James Kangas
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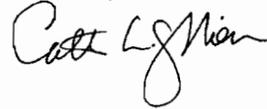
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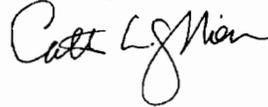
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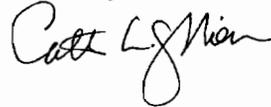
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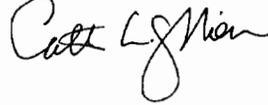
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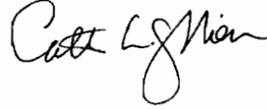
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The January 2008 summit will focus on the development of a work plan for continued Tribal involvement in this project (a packet of information regarding the meeting including a draft work plan will be forthcoming). The primary goals for the meeting will include clarifying project information needs, work plan approach and expectations, participant roles and responsibilities, contracting, and field review procedures. Time will also be set aside for participating Tribes to caucus and discuss the proposed work plan and other issues in private. I have enclosed a draft of the meeting agenda with this letter for your review. Please contact me or Randy Withrow if you have any recommendations or topics of specific interest that you would like added to the agenda.

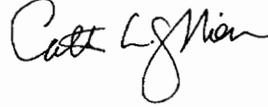
Requirements for Attending the Meeting

The January 15-16, 2008 summit is being held on a government-to-government basis between the Board and Federally recognized Tribes. Subsequently, only formally designated Tribal government representatives are invited to attend. In order to ensure that only Tribal designees are represented at the meeting and that we are able to make proper arrangements for meeting room space, meals and lodging, **all attendees must pre-register by January 4, 2008**. Please complete the enclosed pre-registration form and return it by mail or fax to the program organizer, Randy Withrow, at the address listed on the attached form. A \$200 per day honorarium as well as lodging, meals, and round-trip mileage reimbursement will be provided for one representative from each Tribal government. Those representatives who wish to receive honorarium and expense reimbursement at the time of the meeting must include a mileage figure for round-trip travel on the enclosed pre-registration form so that a check can be prepared in advance of

the meeting. Those who do not provide this information will receive reimbursement by check within two weeks following the meeting.

Thank you for your time and continued assistance with this project. I look forward to seeing you in Rapid City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy Glidden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cathy" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Glidden".

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Cc: see attached distribution list

Tribal Consultation Summit

Rapid City, South Dakota

January 15-16, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Day One

DRAFT AGENDA

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration Continental Breakfast
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9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Welcome & Opening Remarks Opening Prayer Introduction & Purpose Statement <i>Cathy Glidden (STB)</i>
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9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	A Work Plan for Tribal Involvement Defining Purpose and Need Identification & Evaluation Process Determining National Register Eligibility Identifying Traditional Cultural Properties
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10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break Refreshments
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10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	A Work Plan for Tribal Involvement (continued) Researching Traditional Cultural Values Preparing Treatment Plans – TCPs and Cultural Values Mitigation and Compensation Options Construction Monitoring
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12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
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1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Contracting and Field Reviews Contracting – Problems & Solutions Field Reviews – Purpose, Protocols & Training
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2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Break Refreshments
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2:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Tribal Caucus Closed Session for Tribal Government Representatives Only
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Day Two

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Work Plan Discussion
Question/Answer/Comment Period *All Participants*

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Coordination Planning – Topics for Discussion
Contracting and Payment Procedures
Organizing Training Sessions - Content & Scheduling (safety, cultural sensitivity, fieldwork protocols, review procedures)
Participant Roles & Responsibilities
Dispute Resolution
Confidentiality and Reporting: Formats & Procedures
Scheduling Future Group Meetings

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Summary
Key Points & Next Steps *Cathy Glidden (STB)*
Closing Prayers

Surface Transportation Board
Tribal Consultation Summit
Rapid City, South Dakota
January 15-16, 2008

Pre-Registration Form

Name: _____

Title: _____

Representing: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please Indicate Dates For Which You Require Overnight Lodging

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, January 14, 2008 | Holiday Inn – Rushmore Plaza |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, January 15, 2008 | 505 N. 5 th Street |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, January 16, 2008 | Rapid City, SD 57709 |
| | 605-348-4000 |

Please Calculate Your Round-Trip Mileage Expense (Tribal Representatives Only)

Traveling From: _____ To Rapid City, SD

Round-Trip Distance: _____ Miles @ \$0.485/mile = _____

In order to receive expense reimbursement at the Summit Meeting we must receive your Pre-Registration Form no later than January 4, 2008. Those who do not pre-register will receive a reimbursement check within two weeks following the meeting.

Return by U.S.Mail, Fax, or E-mail to: Randy Withrow (319-373-3043)
The Louis Berger Group Inc.
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Marion, IA 52302
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Map of Meeting Location

Meeting Location: Holiday Inn – Rushmore Plaza
505 N. 5th Street
Rapid City, SD 57701
605-348-4000

Driving Directions:

-Traveling west on I-90, Take Exit 58 and travel south on N. 5th Street for about 2 miles.

-Traveling east on I-90, Take Exit 57 and follow I-190 South. Take Exit 1C toward North Street/Civic Center. Follow North Street east to N. 5th Street. Turn south on N. 5th Street.



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Figure 1. Map Showing Location of the Holiday Inn