



TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
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Dear Mr. Bjornsen,

On behalf of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa I wish to formally thank you for consulting with us regarding the Ross Uranium ISR Project.

As we discussed on the phone, while the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians have a long history of use of the region surrounding Devil's Tower and are a culturally affiliated Tribe, we do not consider Devil's Tower a sacred site/TCP as other tribes such as the Lakota do. Rather, we are affiliated with the National Monument and surrounding locale based on protohistoric and historic migratory hunting which followed some of the rivers in the region. While it is possible that there may be localized traditional cultural properties associated with the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, such sites would not likely be of National Register significance as they would not be associated with known tribally significant persons, events, or design/construction methods. Outside of our tribal interests, I encourage you to engage other Tribes fully as they may have significant interests that differ from ours.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 477-2640.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kade M. Ferris', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kade M. Ferris
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa