

## StrataRossLAPEm Resource

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**From:** Steve Vance [steve.vance@crst-nsn.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 01, 2011 12:11 PM  
**To:** Bjornsen, Alan  
**Subject:** RE: 2nd Ross Site Walkover and Consultation

Greetings Alan,

It seems to me that there is confusion and conflict in the communication process between Federal Agencies and Tribes. I was hoping to hear that the representation of Tribal Governments would be that of the eleven (11) you sent, then the number changed to seven (7). Based on an email to Lana Gravatt 10/31/11.

I hoped NRC would accommodate the Tribes request of Nov. 8-9 but this was not considered. The question of why the original date was changed and who changed it was never answered.

I also hoped that US Federal Agencies would work hand in hand in the consultation process but this is not happening. An example of this was at Pumpkin Buttes for the Nichols/Hanks project.

I now question if the best interest of the Tribes is in the forefront of NRC.

I will have to consider another opportunity for a site visit.

Steve

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**From:** Bjornsen, Alan [mailto:Alan.Bjornsen@nrc.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 28, 2011 4:32 AM  
**To:** Steve Vance  
**Cc:** mike@stratawyo.com; Melissa; Moore, Johari  
**Subject:** RE: 2nd Ross Site Walkover and Consultation

Steve,

Enclosed is important information regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tribal Site Walkover and Consultation for the Ross Uranium ISR Project. For the Site Walkover on November 2, we plan to meet at the hotel shown below.

Best Western Tower West Lodge  
109 N. US Highway 14-16  
Gillette, WY 82716  
(307) 686-2210

For the consultation, the hotel location is the same, with the agenda also attached.

The Eastern Shoshone has also indicated they will be attending.

For financial assistance (travel expenses) for this event, Strata Energy (the applicant) has graciously agreed to pay for up to two representatives from each tribe. You may place your request to:

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Thank you.

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**From:** Steve Vance [mailto:[steve.vance@crst-nsn.gov](mailto:steve.vance@crst-nsn.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 27, 2011 5:19 PM  
**To:** Bjornsen, Alan  
**Subject:** RE: 2nd Ross Site Walkover and Consultation

Alan,  
Based on the list of Tribes you sent I plan to attend on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> next month. Is there any other information I need for travel & lodging arraignments?  
Thank you  
Steve Vance

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**From:** Bjornsen, Alan [mailto:[Alan.Bjornsen@nrc.gov](mailto:Alan.Bjornsen@nrc.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 27, 2011 10:25 AM  
**To:** Steve Vance  
**Subject:** RE: 2nd Ross Site Walkover and Consultation

The 11 tribes and their (#) of representatives that will be attending are:

- Crow Creek Sioux (2)
- Crow (1)
- Flandreau Santee Sioux (1)
- Kiowa (1)
- Rosebud Sioux (2)
- Santee Sioux Nation (2)
- Three Affiliated Tribes (1)
- Yankton Dakota (2)
- Fort Peck Assiniboine (1)
- Chippewa (2)
- Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate (2)

Regards,  
Alan

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**From:** Steve Vance [mailto:steve.vance@crst-nsn.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 27, 2011 11:15 AM  
**To:** Bjornsen, Alan  
**Subject:** RE: 2nd Ross Site Walkover and Consultation

Good morning Alan,  
I forgot to put in my email the names of which Tribes will be in attendance, my mistake.  
Could you send me a list of who all confirmed their presence?  
Thank you and have a good day.  
Steve

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**From:** Bjornsen, Alan [mailto:Alan.Bjornsen@nrc.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 27, 2011 4:47 AM  
**To:** Steve Vance  
**Subject:** RE: 2nd Ross Site Walkover and Consultation

Good morning, Steve. Eleven tribes have indicated that they will attend the site walkover and consultation on Nov 2 & 3.

Regards,  
Alan

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**From:** Steve Vance [mailto:steve.vance@crst-nsn.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 26, 2011 3:42 PM  
**To:** Bjornsen, Alan  
**Subject:** RE: 2nd Ross Site Walkover and Consultation

Greetings Alan,  
Now I am confused. It seems that the Tribes had a conflict with the dates of Nov.2-3 as they are meeting with another agencies project at that time. It also seems this was changed from a previous date, for what reason I don't know. The Great Plains Tribes wish to ease the restraint of miles traveled by setting the date later as there is another mining project proposed in the same area. Consultation is supposed to be with the interest of the Tribes in mind and this appears to be neglected in the proposed Ross Project.  
I would like you to email me the number of Tribes that will be attending on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> as I want to be there but only if it will be beneficial to NRC "and" the Tribes.  
Thank you  
Steve Vance  
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**Subject:** 2nd Ross Site Walkover and Consultation

All,

There seems to be some confusion about the dates of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ross Site Walkover and Consultation. Apparently, a lot of e-mails have been going around about switching the dates to Nov 8 & 9. That is not the

case. The dates for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Site Walkover and Consultation are Nov 2 & 3. I apologize for the confusion, but the NRC never considered those dates.

Respectfully,

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