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**Subject:** Follow-Up from August 9, 2012 and Input Requested for August 21, 2012 Teleconference  
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Dear Tribal Historic Preservation Officers:

Thank you for participating in the teleconference on August 9, 2012. In an effort to move the Section 106 process forward, the consulting parties that attended the teleconference (including representatives from the Oglala Sioux, Cheyenne River Sioux, Crow Creek Sioux, Northern Arapaho, Northern Cheyenne, Rosebud Sioux, Santee Sioux, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Standing Rock Sioux, and Yankton Sioux tribes) have agreed to participate in another teleconference on **Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 9 am (Central Time)**. The agenda and call-in information for the August 21, 2012 teleconference will be provided to you separately prior to the call.

In advance of the August 21, 2012 teleconference, the NRC and BLM staff would like to share the following with you:

- The position of both NRC and BLM staff is that the field identification survey for the Dewey-Burdock Project should focus on the proposed initial disturbance (with additional buffers). This area appears in salmon on Map 3 of the revised Statement of Work (SOW) developed by the applicant and forwarded to you on August 7, 2012 by the NRC. **This area measures approximately 2,637 acres.**
- The NRC and BLM staff agree with the Tribes' recommendation that a Programmatic Agreement (PA) be developed to ensure that additional field investigations will be conducted outside this 2,637-acre buffered impact area prior to any future disturbance (such as proposed land-application areas and/or utility line locations). If a license is granted, a requirement to abide by the terms of this PA would be included as a license condition.

The NRC Staff requests that Tribal Representatives review the revised SOW prepared by the applicant for a survey of the 2,637-acre buffered impact area. We request that your review focus on the following important scope estimate details:

- Estimated coverage rate for field identification (# of acres per person day)
- Start date and estimated duration of the field identification effort
- Proposed report content and confidentiality requirements (to be prepared after the field identification has been completed)
- Number of people required for the field identification, with labor classifications (e.g., surveyor, crew leader, traditional cultural expert) and associated hourly rates
- Report deliverable schedules

The consulting parties will then discuss this revised SOW during the August 21, 2012 teleconference. The NRC staff will incorporate changes discussed during the teleconference and distribute it to all consulting parties for final concurrence.

Dewey-Burdock is the first of three projects that will need field identification before the end of the 2012 field season. For that reason, it is highly important that we schedule field identification for the Dewey-Burdock project as soon as possible.

Randy Withrow of the Louis Berger Group, Inc. has been hired by the NRC to assist us with the Section 106 process. He will follow up with you to answer any questions or concerns you might have regarding this email or general Section 106 process matters. Randy's contact information is provided below. Alternatively, you can contact me (Haimanot Yilma) via email or Phone as provided below.

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