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### RENO CREEK SURVEY REPORT

My name is Rick Thomas, THPO for the Santee Sioux Nation, located in Northeast Nebraska along with Tribal Monitor Clarence Campbell, Jr. Clarence arrived in Wright Wyoming on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> and Rick Thomas arrived on the morning of June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Wright Wyoming Motel.

Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was held with Applicants, NRC representatives, along with the following tribes; Northern Cheyenne, Crow, Turtle Mountain, Flandreau Santee Sioux, Santee Sioux Nation, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. The agenda including a brief Safety regulations, Maps outlining the proposed project, and the high level of safety was discussed, prior to going out into the field.

All participants traveled to the proposed site, and we witnessed the terrain being of heavy sage brush in a pasture that occupied angus bulls. We walked the 1st area, all together in a line, with 15 to 30 feet apart for possible Cultural properties. NOTE: one piece of flake was identified, but we used the previous Longitude and latitude of the NRC's archaeologist whom handled the GPS equipment. Turtle Mountain, representative located and identified the flake which was registered on the GPS, the whole afternoon was walking the area and no other properties were located. The 2<sup>nd</sup> day, we broke up in teams to cover wide range of acres, and I was in team 1, which was Turtle Mountain, and team 2, Clarence Jr. was in that group, they encountered a small arrow head, but left it at the site, was registered on GPS.

The areas for the 4-days, which they covered in 4-days, completed the 1st phase of the survey, NO ADVERSE EFFECTS, was evident, therefore no cultural properties were evident. I departed on July 18<sup>th</sup>, due to a major strain on my ankle and Mr. Sam Allen, departed on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, due to his injury, but all was well and this concludes my report from the Santee Sioux Nation.

Respectfully, Rick Thomas, THPO from the Santee Sioux Nation

