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Re: Docket No. FD 30186 (Reopened)
Northern Cheyenne Tribe Notice of Intent to Participate

To the Surface Transportation Board:

The Northern Cheyenne, a federally recognized tribe that has a government-to-government relationship with the United States, hereby notifies the Surface Transportation Board (STB) that it intends to participate in the reopened Tongue River I proceedings.

As stated by the STB, these reopened Tongue River I proceedings require Tongue River Railroad Company to resubmit their application and for a new environmental review process, inclusive of a new Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to occur. Because the Northern Cheyenne Tribe is a federally recognized tribe with present-day, historic, and traditional associations to the area, and the Northern Cheyenne Reservation is within close proximity to the proposed railroad, meaningful tribal consultations must occur early in this process in order to be in compliance with such laws as the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act. We encourage the STB to engage the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, as well as other tribes, in this process.

The Northern Cheyenne Tribe requests to be included in the service list and to receive all filings for this matter. Please direct all information to the following people:

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Please feel free to contact us if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



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c: Steve Brady, Cultural Commission Chair
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