

District Engineer

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Dear «Title»:

Protection and preservation of cultural resources is important to the people of this Nation and also to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. I see many cultural resource issues within our region that need to be discussed and cooperatively addressed. One issue is the identification of cultural resource sites and traditional properties (including significant, eligible or registered National Register of Historic Places) as well as protection and monitoring of these sites. We would appreciate your Tribe's participation in helping us address these needs.

Within the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, (Corps) the principle focus for consultation and participation is with individual Tribal governments. However, it is frequently necessary that the Corps have organizations or committees in place to solicit consensual Tribal advice and recommendations and to involve the Tribes in decision-making prior to the more formal consultation with all Tribal leaders. Therefore, to address these important issues, the Corps is in the process of forming the Omaha District Cultural Resource Task Force. I would like to invite your Tribe to be a guiding influence in this Task Force. We are also inviting other Tribes, Federal, State and local agencies to be involved.

The purpose of the Cultural Resource Task Force would be to share cultural information, to allow for input and involvement of all members, and to monitor accomplishments. To enable us to have the proper personnel involved on this Task Force we need your assistance and guidance. We need to know if you desire to be involved in the task force, and if you or your representative would be available to attend the first meeting in Bismarck, North Dakota on June 20 to 21, 2002.

We need your response by May 24, 2002 in order to coordinate for the meeting location and agenda. If there are any questions, please call me or Mr. Larry Janis, Cultural Resource Program Manager, at (402) 221-3110.

Sincerely,

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