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Richard Sleep, Chairman  
Lawrence County, South Dakota  
90 Sherman Street  
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Dear Chairman and County Commissioners:

The South Dakota Army National Guard (SDARNG) is a state guard organization under the National Guard Bureau (NGB). The National Guard Bureau (NGB) is a joint activity of the Department of Defense (DoD). The SDARNG is currently updating its Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan (ICRMP). SDARNG is inviting your agency to provide input regarding the update to the ICRMP and future planned proposed actions.

The SDARNG has authority granted from the NGB to complete proposed actions. The proposed actions are focused on maintaining training facilities and property managed by SDARNG throughout South Dakota. These facilities include Camp Rapid, Austin Training Area, West Camp Rapid Training Facility, and other properties throughout South Dakota. These proposed activities vary from non-ground disturbing, routine activities to larger ground disturbing activities. Each proposed activity is considered under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). SDARNG has recently drafted a NEPA Tribal Consultation Plan that notes the process and protocols for completing consultation for each proposed action. The level of consultation proposed varies based on the NEPA level of documentation required for the proposed action.

In addition to NEPA documentation, an Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan (ICRMP) is updated every five years. The SDARNG uses the ICRMP to assist in making decisions about cultural resource management activities and compliance procedures. The ICRMP:

- Integrates the cultural resources program with ongoing mission activities;
- Allows ready identification of potential conflicts between installation's mission and its cultural resources; and
- Identifies compliance actions necessary to keep mission-essential properties and acreage ready for use.

This letter provides general information concerning the proposed actions, draft NEPA Tribal Consultation Plan and the update to the ICRMP. To discuss the future proposed actions, NEPA Tribal Consultation Plan, and update to the ICRMP, SDARNG is formally



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requesting your help and input. Please respond to this letter in writing within 30 days if your agency would like to request any of the documentation to review. Please respond with comments, concerns, questions or ideas to Emily Beck at 605-737-6265 or [emily.s.beck.nfg@army.mil](mailto:emily.s.beck.nfg@army.mil).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the phone number or email address below.

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