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Table F-1 lists the consultation correspondence related to the ULP lease tracts discussed in the ULP PEIS. Copies of the correspondence follow this table. The figure that appears on page F-63 was an attachment to all the letters that were sent on September 28, 2012.

TABLE F-1 Consultation Correspondence

Date of Letter	Page	Source	Recipient
January 9, 2012	F-7	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	White Mesa Ute Board Chairperson
January 9, 2012	F-9	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Chairwoman, Southern Ute Indian Tribe
January 9, 2012	F-11	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Chairperson, Ute Business Committee, Ute Indian Tribe
January 9, 2012	F-13	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	President of The Navajo Nation
January 9, 2012	F-15	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Chairman of the Hopi Tribal Council
January 9, 2012	F-17	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
May 2, 2012	F-19	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	President of The Navajo Nation
May 2, 2012	F-20	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Chairman of the Hopi Tribal Council
May 2, 2012	F-21	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
May 2, 2012	F-22	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	White Mesa Ute Board Chairperson
May 2, 2012	F-23	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
May 2, 2012	F-24	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Chairperson of the Ute Business Committee, Ute Indian Tribe

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September 28, 2012	F-25	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	President of the Jicarilla Apache Tribal Council
September 28, 2012	F-27	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Kewa Pueblo Tribe
September 28, 2012	F-29	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of Acoma Tribe
September 28, 2012	F-31	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo de Cochiti Tribe
September 28, 2012	F-33	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Isleta Tribe
September 28, 2012	F-35	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of Jemez Tribe
September 28, 2012	F-37	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of Laguna Tribe
September 28, 2012	F-39	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of Nambe Tribe
September 28, 2012	F-41	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of Picuris Tribe
September 28, 2012	F-43	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribe
September 28, 2012	F-45	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of San Felipe Tribe
September 28, 2012	F-47	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of San Ildefonso Tribe
September 28, 2012	F-49	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of Sandia Tribe
September 28, 2012	F-51	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of Santa Ana Tribe
September 28, 2012	F-53	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of Santa Clara Tribe
September 28, 2012	F-55	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of Taos Tribe
September 28, 2012	F-57	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of Tesuque Tribe

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September 28, 2012	F-61	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Zuni Pueblo Tribe
November 20, 2012	F-64	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	President of the Jicarilla Apache Tribal Council
November 20, 2012	F-66	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Kewa Pueblo Tribe
November 20, 2012	F-68	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of Jemez Tribe
November 20, 2012	F-70	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of Laguna Tribe
November 20, 2012	F-72	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of Nambe Tribe
November 20, 2012	F-74	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of Picuris Tribe
November 20, 2012	F-76	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribe
November 20, 2012	F-78	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of San Felipe Tribe
November 20, 2012	F-80	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of San Ildefonso Tribe
November 20, 2012	F-82	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of Sandia Tribe
November 20, 2012	F-84	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of Santa Ana Tribe
November 20, 2012	F-86	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of Taos Tribe
November 20, 2012	F-88	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of Tesuque Tribe
November 20, 2012	F-90	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Pueblo of Zia Tribe

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Date of Letter	Page	Source	Recipient
November 20, 2012	F-92	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.W. Geiser, Director)	Governor of the Zuni Pueblo Tribe

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Washington, DC 20585

January 9, 2012

The Honorable Elayne Atcitty
White Mesa Ute Board Chairperson
White Mesa Ute Tribe
P.O. Box 7096
White Mesa, UT 84511

Dear Chairperson Atcitty:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the White Mesa Ute Tribe on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)* being conducted following the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). DOE- LM currently manages this uranium leasing program and administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <<http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>>.

DOE-LM has already sent a request to your office and to the Vice Chair of the White Mesa Ute Tribe asking if the agency would like to be a cooperating agency during the drafting and review of the PEIS. DOE-LM is interested in identifying the White Mesa Ute Tribe's preferences on a consultation approach for the PEIS other than participation as a NEPA cooperating agency. DOE-LM plans to incorporate the consultation activities into its schedule for issuing the PEIS. DOE-LM is in the early stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in 2012 and a Final PEIS in 2013.

As summarized below, consultation activities could include staff-to-staff technical briefings, government-to-government consultations between DOE-LM senior officials and elected Tribal leaders, Tribal Government participation during the development of the Draft PEIS, or other activities that the White Mesa Ute Tribe would like to propose consistent with established policies and protocols. These approaches have been successfully used by DOE and Tribal Governments in developing EIS documents that include Tribal Nation concerns and perspectives.

- Staff-to-staff technical briefings between DOE-LM and Tribal Government representatives can be used to share information, obtain Tribal Government input on technical issues, and identify possible topics for discussion during government-to-government consultations. Tribal officials would be welcome to participate in the technical briefings, although the briefings themselves would not be considered formal consultation.

- Formal government-to-government consultations between senior DOE officials and elected Tribal officials can be conducted at agreed upon points in the PEIS

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process to further ensure that Tribal rights, values, and interests are identified and considered in pertinent decision-making on the ULP activities.

- Participation in the development of the ULP PEIS can include Tribal Nations providing review and comment on the Draft EIS. As mentioned above, DOE-LM has already initiated this process via requests to a Tribal government agency to become a cooperating agency during the PEIS development. This agency has agreed to be a cooperating agency.

I would like to initiate a teleconference with government representatives of the White Mesa Ute Tribe to discuss consultation options. I would appreciate a response as to White Mesa Ute Tribe's interest in participating with DOE-LM in government-to-government consultation by January 31, 2012. If you would like to participate, please provide the dates of your availability in February 2012 with your response. I will send out invitations for our kick-off telephone conference call as soon as we receive this information.

If you should have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-8324 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, who is LM's Programmatic Headquarters point of contact for Tribal Nations.

Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

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Tracy Ribeiro, LM
April Gil, LM
Deborah Sullivan, LM
David Conrad, CI

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

January 9, 2012

The Honorable Pearl Casias
Chairwoman
Southern Ute Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 737
Ignacio, CO 81137

Dear Chairwoman Casias:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)* being conducted following the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). DOE-LM currently manages this uranium leasing program and administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <<http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>>.

DOE-LM has already sent a request to your office asking if the agency would like to be a cooperating agency during the drafting and review of the PEIS. DOE-LM is interested in identifying the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's preferences on a consultation approach for the PEIS other than participation as a NEPA cooperating agency. DOE-LM plans to incorporate the consultation activities into its schedule for issuing the PEIS. DOE-LM is in the early stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in 2012 and a Final PEIS in 2013.

As summarized below, consultation activities could include staff-to-staff technical briefings, government-to-government consultations between DOE-LM senior officials and elected Tribal leaders, Tribal Government participation during the development of the Draft PEIS, or other activities that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe would like to propose consistent with established policies and protocols. These approaches have been successfully used by DOE and Tribal Governments in developing EIS documents that include Tribal Nation concerns and perspectives.

- Staff-to-staff technical briefings between DOE-LM and Tribal Government representatives can be used to share information, obtain Tribal Government input on technical issues, and identify possible topics for discussion during government-to-government consultations. Tribal officials would be welcome to participate in the technical briefings, although the briefings themselves would not be considered formal consultation.

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- Formal government-to-government consultations between senior DOE officials and elected Tribal officials can be conducted at agreed upon points in the PEIS process to further ensure that Tribal rights, values, and interests are identified and considered in pertinent decision-making on the ULP activities.

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I would like to initiate a teleconference with government representatives of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to discuss consultation options. I would appreciate a response as to Southern Ute Indian Tribe's interest in participating with DOE-M in government-to-government consultation by January 31, 2012. If you would like to participate, please provide the dates of your availability in February 2012 with your response. I will send out invitations for our kick-off telephone conference call as soon as we receive this information.

If you should have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-8324 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, who is LM's Programmatic Headquarters point of contact for Tribal Nations.

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January 9, 2012

The Honorable Irene Cuch
Chairperson, Ute Business Committee
Ute Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 190
Fort Duchesne, UT 84026

Dear Chairperson Cuch:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Ute Indian Tribe on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)* being conducted following the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). DOE-LM currently manages this uranium leasing program and administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <<http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>>.

DOE-LM has already sent a request to your office and to Mr. Rollie Wilson asking if the agency would like to be a cooperating agency during the drafting and review of the PEIS. DOE-LM is interested in identifying the Ute Indian Tribe's preferences on a consultation approach for the PEIS other than participation as a NEPA cooperating agency. DOE-LM plans to incorporate the consultation activities into its schedule for issuing the PEIS. DOE-LM is in the early stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in 2012 and a Final PEIS in 2013.

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I would like to initiate a teleconference with government representatives of the Ute Indian Tribe to discuss consultation options. I would appreciate a response as to Ute Indian Tribe's interest in participating with DOE-LM in government-to-government consultation by January 31, 2012. If you would like to participate, please provide the dates of your availability in February 2012 with your response. I will send out invitations for our kick-off telephone conference call as soon as we receive this information.

If you should have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-8324 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, who is LM's Programmatic Headquarters point of contact for Tribal Nations.

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January 9, 2012

The Honorable Ben Shelley
President
The Navajo Nation
P.O. Box 7440
2000 Tribal Hill Drive
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Dear President Shelley:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with The Navajo Nation on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)* being conducted following the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). DOE-LM currently manages this uranium leasing program and administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <<http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>>.

DOE-LM has already sent a request to your office, the Supervisory Anthropologist, and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer asking if the agency would like to be a cooperating agency during the drafting and review of the PEIS. DOE-LM is interested in identifying the Navajo Nation's preferences on a consultation approach for the PEIS other than participation as a NEPA cooperating agency. DOE-LM plans to incorporate the consultation activities into its schedule for issuing the PEIS. DOE-LM is in the early stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in 2012 and a Final PEIS in 2013.

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I would like to initiate a teleconference with government representatives of The Navajo Nation to discuss consultation options. I would appreciate a response as to The Navajo Nation's interest in participating with DOE LM in government-to-government consultation by January 31, 2012. If you would like to participate, please provide the dates of your availability in February 2012 with your response. I will send out invitations for our kick-off telephone conference call as soon as we receive this information.

If you should have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-8324 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, who is LM's Programmatic Headquarters point of contact for Tribal Nations.

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Dr. Alan Downer

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January 9, 2012

The Honorable Leroy Shingoitewa
Chairman
Hopi Tribal Council
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

Dear Chairman Shingoitewa:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Hopi Tribal Council on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)* being conducted following the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). DOE-LM currently manages this uranium leasing program and administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <<http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>>.

DOE-LM has already sent a request to your office and the Directors office asking if the agency would like to be a cooperating agency during the drafting and review of the PEIS. DOE-LM is interested in identifying the Hopi Tribal Council's preferences on a consultation approach for the PEIS other than participation as a NEPA cooperating agency. DOE-LM plans to incorporate the consultation activities into its schedule for issuing the PEIS. DOE-LM is in the early stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in 2012 and a Final PEIS in 2013.

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I would like to initiate a teleconference with government representatives of the Hopi Tribal Council to discuss consultation options. I would appreciate a response as to Hopi Tribal Council's interest in participating with DOE-LM in government-to-government consultation by January 31, 2012. If you would like to participate, please provide the dates of your availability in February 2012 with your response. I will send out invitations for our kick-off telephone conference call as soon as we receive this information.

If you should have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-8324 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, who is LM's Programmatic Headquarters point of contact for Tribal Nations.

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January 9, 2012

The Honorable Gary Hayes
Chairman
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
P.O. Box JJ
Towaoc, CO 81137

Dear Chairman Hayes:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)* being conducted following the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). DOE-LM currently manages this uranium leasing program and administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <<http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>>.

DOE-LM has already sent a request to your office, the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, and the Ute Mountain Ute Agency asking if the agency would like to be a cooperating agency during the drafting and review of the PEIS. DOE-LM is interested in identifying the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe's preferences on a consultation approach for the PEIS other than participation as a NEPA cooperating agency. DOE-LM plans to incorporate the consultation activities into its schedule for issuing the PEIS. DOE-LM is in the early stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in 2012 and a Final PEIS in 2013.

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I would like to initiate a teleconference with government representatives of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe to discuss consultation options. I would appreciate a response as to Ute Mountain Ute Tribe's interest in participating with DOE- LM in government-to-government consultation by January 31, 2012. If you would like to participate, please provide the dates of your availability in February 2012 with your response. I will send out invitations for our kick-off telephone conference call as soon as we receive this information.

If you should have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-8324 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, who is LM's Programmatic Headquarters point of contact for Tribal Nations.

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The Honorable Ben Shelley
President
The Navajo Nation
P.O. Box 7440
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Dear President Shelley:

This letter is a follow-up to our letter dated January 9, 2012, and phone calls placed to your office on February 22, 2012, and March 7, 2012. The Department of Energy (DOE) remains interested in consultation with the Navajo Nation on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP), Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)*. DOE currently administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>.

In addition to the request for consultation, we also sent letters to your office, the Supervisory Anthropologist, and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer asking if the Tribe would be a cooperating agency during the drafting and review of the PEIS. DOE is now in the middle stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in the fall of 2012 and a Final PEIS in 2013. We welcome your input and encourage your participation during the public participation portion of the NEPA process that is scheduled to commence this fall.

DOE continues to look for ways to improve the government-to-government consultation process with the Navajo Nation. We invite any suggestions or advice you might have to improve this process. If you have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-7550 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, my headquarters representative for activities with Tribal Nations.

Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

cc: Tony H. Joe, Jr., Supervisory Anthropologist
Dr. Alan Downer, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and Department Manager
Historic Preservation

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The Honorable Leroy Shingoitewa
Chairman
Hopi Tribal Council
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

Dear Chairman Shingoitewa:

This letter is a follow-up to our letter dated January 9, 2012, and phone calls placed to your office on February 22, 2012, and March 7, 2012. The Department of Energy (DOE) remains interested in consultation with the Hopi Tribal Council on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP), Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)*. DOE currently administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>.

In addition to the request for consultation, we also sent letters to your office and to the Directors Office asking if the Tribe would be a cooperating agency during the drafting and review of the PEIS. DOE is now in the middle stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in the fall of 2012 and a Final PEIS in 2013. We welcome your input and encourage your participation during the public participation portion of the NEPA process that is scheduled to commence this fall.

DOE continues to look for ways to improve the government-to-government consultation process with the Hopi Tribal Council. We invite any suggestions or advice you might have to improve this process. If you have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-7550 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, my headquarters representative for activities with Tribal Nations.

Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

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MAY 0 2 2012

The Honorable Gary Hayes
Chairman
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
P.O. Box JJ
Towaoc, CO 81137

Dear Chairman Hayes:

This letter is a follow-up to our letter dated January 9, 2012, and phone calls placed to your office on February 22, 2012, and March 7, 2012. The Department of Energy (DOE) remains interested in consultation with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP), Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)*. DOE currently administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>.

In addition to the request for consultation, we also sent letters to your office, to the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, and to the Ute Mountain Ute Agency asking if the Tribe would be a cooperating agency during the drafting and review of the PEIS. DOE is now in the middle stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in the fall of 2012 and a Final PEIS in 2013. We welcome your input and encourage your participation during the public participation portion of the NEPA process that is scheduled to commence this fall.

DOE continues to look for ways to improve the government-to-government consultation process with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. We invite any suggestions or advice you might have to improve this process. If you have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-7550 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, my headquarters representative for activities with Tribal Nations.

Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

cc: Terry Knight, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Priscilla Bancroft, Superintendent, Ute Mountain Ute Agency

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MAY 0 2 2012

The Honorable Elayne Atcitty
White Mesa Ute Board Chairperson
White Mesa Ute Tribe
P.O. Box 7096
White Mesa, UT 84511

Dear Chairperson Atcitty:

This letter is a follow-up to our letter dated January 9, 2012, and phone calls placed to your office on February 22, 2012, and March 7, 2012. The Department of Energy (DOE) remains interested in consultation with the White Mesa Ute Tribe on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP), Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)*. DOE currently administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>.

In addition to the request for consultation, we also sent letters to your office and to the Vice Chair of the White Mesa Ute Tribe asking if the Tribe would be a cooperating agency during the drafting and review of the PEIS. DOE is now in the middle stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in the fall of 2012 and a Final PEIS in 2013. We welcome your input and encourage your participation during the public participation portion of the NEPA process that is scheduled to commence this fall..

DOE continues to look for ways to improve the government-to-government consultation process with the White Mesa Ute Tribe. We invite any suggestions or advice you might have to improve this process. If you have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-7550 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, my headquarters representative for activities with Tribal Nations.

Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

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MAY 0 2 2012

The Honorable Jimmy R. Newton, Jr.
Chairman
Southern Ute Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 737
Ignacio, CO 81137

Dear Chairman Newton:

This letter is a follow-up to our letter dated January 9, 2012, and phone calls placed to your office on February 22, 2012, and March 7, 2012. The Department of Energy (DOE) remains interested in consultation with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP), Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)*. DOE currently administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>.

In addition to the request for consultation, we also sent letters to your office asking if the Tribe would be a cooperating agency during the drafting and review of the PEIS. DOE is now in the middle stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in the fall of 2012 and a Final PEIS in 2013. We welcome your input and encourage your participation during the public participation portion of the NEPA process that is scheduled to commence this fall.

DOE continues to look for ways to improve the government-to-government consultation process with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. We invite any suggestions or advice you might have to improve this process. If you have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-7550 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, my headquarters representative for activities with Tribal Nations.

Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

cc: Michael Olguin, Vice Chair, Southern Ute Indian Tribe

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MAY 0 2 2012

The Honorable Irene Thompson
Chairperson
Ute Business Committee
Ute Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 190
Fort Duchesne, UT 84026

Dear Chairperson Thompson:

This letter is a follow-up to our letter dated January 9, 2012, and phone calls placed to your office on February 22, 2012, and March 7, 2012. The Department of Energy (DOE) remains interested in consultation with the Ute Indian Tribe on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP), Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)*. DOE currently administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>.

In addition to the request for consultation, we also sent letters to your office and to Mr. Rollie Wilson of the Ute Indian Tribe asking if the Tribe would be a cooperating agency during the drafting and review of the PEIS. DOE is now in the middle stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in the fall of 2012 and a Final PEIS in 2013. We welcome your input and encourage your participation during the public participation portion of the NEPA process that is scheduled to commence this fall.

DOE continues to look for ways to improve the government-to-government consultation process with the Ute Indian Tribe. We invite any suggestions or advice you might have to improve this process. If you have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-7550 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, my headquarters representative for activities with Tribal Nations.

Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

cc: Rollie Wilson, Ute Indian Tribe, Fredericks, Peebles & Morgan, LLP

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September 28, 2012

The Honorable Levi Pestata
President
Jicarilla Apache Tribal Council
P.O. Box 507
Dulce, NM 87528

Dear President Pestata:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Jicarilla Apache Tribal Council on the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A PEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of broad agency actions, such as those that may be associated with the ULP. Under the ULP, the DOE administers tracts of land for the exploration, development, and extraction of uranium and vanadium ores. The DOE's ULP includes tracts of land located in Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel counties in western Colorado that cover a cumulative area of approximately 25,000 acres. Attached is a map of the lease tracts.

Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the ULP PEIS website at http://ulpeis.anl.gov/. DOE LM has already begun the NEPA process for the PEIS by having public scoping meetings and completing the initial, internal draft of the PEIS. Currently, DOE LM is addressing comments by cooperating agencies provided during the internal review of the draft PEIS. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is one of the cooperating agencies, specifically the Tres Rios Field Office. Based on the BLM's previous activities in the areas around the ULP lease tracts and their knowledge of ancestral range of tribes connected with the Mesa Verde region, the BLM identified the Jicarilla Apache Tribal Council Tribe as a group that we should contact for tribal consultation.

DOE LM would like to invite you into the process at this point and is interested in identifying the Jicarilla Apache Tribal Council Tribe's preferences on a consultation approach for the PEIS. DOE LM plans to incorporate the consultation activities into its schedule for issuing the PEIS. DOE LM is in the early stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in early 2013 and a Final PEIS in late 2013.

As detailed below, government-to-government consultations between DOE LM senior officials and elected Tribal leaders could include staff-to-staff technical briefings, Tribal Government participation during the development of the Draft PEIS, or other activities that the Jicarilla Apache Tribal Council Tribe would like to propose consistent with established policies and protocols. These approaches have been successfully used by

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DOE and Tribal Governments in developing EIS documents that include Tribal Nation concerns and perspectives.

- Formal government-to-government consultations between senior DOE officials and elected Tribal officials can be conducted at agreed upon points in the PEIS process to further ensure that Tribal rights, values, and interests are identified and considered in pertinent decision-making on the ULP activities.

- Staff-to-staff technical briefings between DOE LM and Tribal Government representatives can be used to share information, obtain Tribal Government input on technical issues, and identify possible topics for discussion during government-to-government consultations. Tribal officials would be welcome to participate in the technical briefings, although the briefings themselves would not be considered formal consultation.

- Participation in the development of the ULP PEIS can include Tribal Nations providing review and comment on the Draft PEIS.

I would appreciate a response as to Jicarilla Apache Tribal Council Tribe's interest in participating with DOE LM in government-to-government consultation by **October 12, 2012**. Based on your response, I will then initiate follow-up actions with the Jicarilla Apache Tribal Council Tribe to address your consultation preferences.

If you should have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-8324 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, LM's Programmatic Headquarters point of contact for Tribal Nations.

Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

cc: Gifford Velarde, Director, Office of Cultural Indian Affairs
Dr. Jeff Blythe, THPO, Office of Cultural Indian Affairs
Thomas C. Pauling, LM
Tony Carter, LM
Ray Plieness, LM
Tracy Ribeiro, LM
David Conrad, CI

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Washington, DC 20585

September 28, 2012

The Honorable Sisto Quintana
Governor
Kewa Pueblo Tribe
P.O. Box 99
Santo Domingo Pueblo, NM 87052

Dear Governor Quintana:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Kewa Pueblo Tribe on the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A PEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of broad agency actions, such as those that may be associated with the ULP. Under the ULP, the DOE administers tracts of land for the exploration, development, and extraction of uranium and vanadium ores. The DOE's ULP includes tracts of land located in Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel counties in western Colorado that cover a cumulative area of approximately 25,000 acres. Attached is a map of the lease tracts.

Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the ULP PEIS website at http://ulpeis.anl.gov/. DOE LM has already begun the NEPA process for the PEIS by having public scoping meetings and completing the initial, internal draft of the PEIS. Currently, DOE LM is addressing comments by cooperating agencies provided during the internal review of the draft PEIS. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is one of the cooperating agencies, specifically the Tres Rios Field Office. Based on the BLM's previous activities in the areas around the ULP lease tracts and their knowledge of ancestral range of tribes connected with the Mesa Verde region, the BLM identified the Kewa Pueblo Tribe as a group that we should contact for tribal consultation.

DOE LM would like to invite you into the process at this point and is interested in identifying the Kewa Pueblo Tribe's preferences on a consultation approach for the PEIS. DOE LM plans to incorporate the consultation activities into its schedule for issuing the PEIS. DOE LM is in the early stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in early 2013 and a Final PEIS in late 2013.

As detailed below, government-to-government consultations between DOE LM senior officials and elected Tribal leaders could include staff-to-staff technical briefings, Tribal Government participation during the development of the Draft PEIS, or other activities that the Kewa Pueblo Tribe would like to propose consistent with established policies and protocols. These approaches have been successfully used by DOE and Tribal

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Governments in developing EIS documents that include Tribal Nation concerns and perspectives.

- Formal government-to-government consultations between senior DOE officials and elected Tribal officials can be conducted at agreed upon points in the PEIS process to further ensure that Tribal rights, values, and interests are identified and considered in pertinent decision-making on the ULP activities.

- Staff-to-staff technical briefings between DOE LM and Tribal Government representatives can be used to share information, obtain Tribal Government input on technical issues, and identify possible topics for discussion during government-to-government consultations. Tribal officials would be welcome to participate in the technical briefings, although the briefings themselves would not be considered formal consultation.

- Participation in the development of the ULP PEIS can include Tribal Nations providing review and comment on the Draft PEIS.

I would appreciate a response as to Kewa Pueblo Tribe's interest in participating with DOE LM in government-to-government consultation by **October 12, 2012**. Based on your response, I will then initiate follow-up actions with the Kewa Pueblo Tribe to address your consultation preferences.

If you should have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-8324 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, LM's Programmatic Headquarters point of contact for Tribal Nations.

Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

cc: Thomas C. Pauling, LM
Tony Carter, LM
Ray Plieness, LM
Tracy Ribeiro, LM
David Conrad, CI

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

September 28, 2012

The Honorable Randall Vicente
Governor
Pueblo of Acoma Tribe
P.O. Box 309
Acoma, NM 87034

Dear Governor Vicente:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of Acoma Tribe on the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A PEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of broad agency actions, such as those that may be associated with the ULP. Under the ULP, the DOE administers tracts of land for the exploration, development, and extraction of uranium and vanadium ores. The DOE's ULP includes tracts of land located in Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel counties in western Colorado that cover a cumulative area of approximately 25,000 acres. Attached is a map of the lease tracts.

Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the ULP PEIS website at http://ulpeis.anl.gov/. DOE LM has already begun the NEPA process for the PEIS by having public scoping meetings and completing the initial, internal draft of the PEIS. Currently, DOE LM is addressing comments by cooperating agencies provided during the internal review of the draft PEIS. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is one of the cooperating agencies, specifically the Tres Rios Field Office. Based on the BLM's previous activities in the areas around the ULP lease tracts and their knowledge of ancestral range of tribes connected with the Mesa Verde region, the BLM identified the Pueblo of Acoma Tribe as a group that we should contact for tribal consultation.

DOE LM would like to invite you into the process at this point and is interested in identifying the Pueblo of Acoma Tribe's preferences on a consultation approach for the PEIS. DOE LM plans to incorporate the consultation activities into its schedule for issuing the PEIS. DOE LM is in the early stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in early 2013 and a Final PEIS in late 2013.

As detailed below, government-to-government consultations between DOE LM senior officials and elected Tribal leaders could include staff-to-staff technical briefings, Tribal Government participation during the development of the Draft PEIS, or other activities that the Pueblo of Acoma Tribe would like to propose consistent with established policies and protocols. These approaches have been successfully used by DOE and Tribal

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- Formal government-to-government consultations between senior DOE officials and elected Tribal officials can be conducted at agreed upon points in the PEIS process to further ensure that Tribal rights, values, and interests are identified and considered in pertinent decision-making on the ULP activities.

- Staff-to-staff technical briefings between DOE LM and Tribal Government representatives can be used to share information, obtain Tribal Government input on technical issues, and identify possible topics for discussion during government-to-government consultations. Tribal officials would be welcome to participate in the technical briefings, although the briefings themselves would not be considered formal consultation.

- Participation in the development of the ULP PEIS can include Tribal Nations providing review and comment on the Draft PEIS.

I would appreciate a response as to Pueblo of Acoma Tribe's interest in participating with DOE LM in government-to-government consultation by **October 12, 2012**. Based on your response, I will then initiate follow-up actions with the Pueblo of Acoma Tribe to address your consultation preferences.

If you should have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-8324 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, LM's Programmatic Headquarters point of contact for Tribal Nations.

Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

cc: Theresa Pasqual, Director, Historic Preservation Office
Thomas C. Pauling, LM
Tony Carter, LM
Ray Plieness, LM
Tracy Ribeiro, LM
David Conrad, CI

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

September 28, 2012

The Honorable Phillip Quintana
Governor
Pueblo de Cochiti Tribe
P.O. Box 70
Cochiti, NM 87072

Dear Governor Quintana:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Pueblo de Cochiti Tribe on the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A PEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of broad agency actions, such as those that may be associated with the ULP. Under the ULP, the DOE administers tracts of land for the exploration, development, and extraction of uranium and vanadium ores. The DOE's ULP includes tracts of land located in Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel counties in western Colorado that cover a cumulative area of approximately 25,000 acres. Attached is a map of the lease tracts.

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DOE LM would like to invite you into the process at this point and is interested in identifying the Pueblo de Cochiti Tribe's preferences on a consultation approach for the PEIS. DOE LM plans to incorporate the consultation activities into its schedule for issuing the PEIS. DOE LM is in the early stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in early 2013 and a Final PEIS in late 2013.

As detailed below, government-to-government consultations between DOE LM senior officials and elected Tribal leaders could include staff-to-staff technical briefings, Tribal Government participation during the development of the Draft PEIS, or other activities that the Pueblo de Cochiti Tribe would like to propose consistent with established policies and protocols. These approaches have been successfully used by DOE and

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- Participation in the development of the ULP PEIS can include Tribal Nations providing review and comment on the Draft PEIS.

I would appreciate a response as to Pueblo de Cochiti Tribe's interest in participating with DOE LM in government-to-government consultation by **October 12, 2012**. Based on your response, I will then initiate follow-up actions with the Pueblo de Cochiti Tribe to address your consultation preferences.

If you should have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-8324 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, LM's Programmatic Headquarters point of contact for Tribal Nations.

Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

cc: Vernon Garcia, NAGPRA Representative
Thomas C. Pauling, LM
Tony Carter, LM
Ray Plieness, LM
Tracy Ribeiro, LM
David Conrad, CI

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

September 28, 2012

The Honorable Frank E. Lujan
Governor
Pueblo of Isleta Tribe
P.O. Box 1270
Isleta, NM 87022

Dear Governor Lujan:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of Isleta Tribe on the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A PEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of broad agency actions, such as those that may be associated with the ULP. Under the ULP, the DOE administers tracts of land for the exploration, development, and extraction of uranium and vanadium ores. The DOE's ULP includes tracts of land located in Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel counties in western Colorado that cover a cumulative area of approximately 25,000 acres. Attached is a map of the lease tracts.

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DOE LM would like to invite you into the process at this point and is interested in identifying the Pueblo of Isleta Tribe's preferences on a consultation approach for the PEIS. DOE LM plans to incorporate the consultation activities into its schedule for issuing the PEIS. DOE LM is in the early stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in early 2013 and a Final PEIS in late 2013.

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- Participation in the development of the ULP PEIS can include Tribal Nations providing review and comment on the Draft PEIS.

I would appreciate a response as to Pueblo of Isleta Tribe's interest in participating with DOE LM in government-to-government consultation by **October 12, 2012**. Based on your response, I will then initiate follow-up actions with the Pueblo of Isleta Tribe to address your consultation preferences.

If you should have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-8324 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, LM's Programmatic Headquarters point of contact for Tribal Nations.

Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

cc: Dr. Henry Walt, THPO, Pueblo of Isleta Tribe
Stephanie Zuni, Administrator for Elders, Pueblo of Isleta Tribe
Valentino Jaramillo, NAGPRA Contact, Cultural Affairs Committee, Pueblo of Isleta Tribe
Thomas C. Pauling, LM
Tony Carter, LM
Ray Plieness, LM
Tracy Ribeiro, LM
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September 28, 2012

The Honorable Joshua Madalena
Governor
Pueblo of Jemez Tribe
P.O. Box 100
Jemez Pueblo, NM 87024

Dear Governor Madalena:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of Jemez Tribe on the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A PEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of broad agency actions, such as those that may be associated with the ULP. Under the ULP, the DOE administers tracts of land for the exploration, development, and extraction of uranium and vanadium ores. The DOE's ULP includes tracts of land located in Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel counties in western Colorado that cover a cumulative area of approximately 25,000 acres. Attached is a map of the lease tracts.

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DOE LM would like to invite you into the process at this point and is interested in identifying the Pueblo of Jemez Tribe's preferences on a consultation approach for the PEIS. DOE LM plans to incorporate the consultation activities into its schedule for issuing the PEIS. DOE LM is in the early stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in early 2013 and a Final PEIS in late 2013.

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Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

cc: Christpoher Toya, Traditional Cultural Properties Project Manager
Thomas C. Pauling, LM
Tony Carter, LM
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David Conrad, CI

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

September 28, 2012

The Honorable Richard B. Luarkie
Governor
Pueblo of Laguna Tribe
P.O. Box 194
Laguna, NM 87026

Dear Governor Luarkie:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of Laguna Tribe on the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A PEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of broad agency actions, such as those that may be associated with the ULP. Under the ULP, the DOE administers tracts of land for the exploration, development, and extraction of uranium and vanadium ores. The DOE's ULP includes tracts of land located in Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel counties in western Colorado that cover a cumulative area of approximately 25,000 acres. Attached is a map of the lease tracts.

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DOE LM would like to invite you into the process at this point and is interested in identifying the Pueblo of Laguna Tribe's preferences on a consultation approach for the PEIS. DOE LM plans to incorporate the consultation activities into its schedule for issuing the PEIS. DOE LM is in the early stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in early 2013 and a Final PEIS in late 2013.

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Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

cc: Robert Mooney, Sr., Records, Pueblo of Laguna Tribe
Thomas C. Pauling, LM
Tony Carter, LM
Ray Plieness, LM
Tracy Ribeiro, LM
David Conrad, CI

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

September 28, 2012

The Honorable Phillip A. Perez
Governor
Pueblo of Nambe Tribe
Route 1, Box 117-BB
Santa Fe, NM 87506

Dear Governor Perez:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of Nambe Tribe on the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A PEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of broad agency actions, such as those that may be associated with the ULP. Under the ULP, the DOE administers tracts of land for the exploration, development, and extraction of uranium and vanadium ores. The DOE's ULP includes tracts of land located in Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel counties in western Colorado that cover a cumulative area of approximately 25,000 acres. Attached is a map of the lease tracts.

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DOE LM would like to invite you into the process at this point and is interested in identifying the Pueblo of Nambe Tribe's preferences on a consultation approach for the PEIS. DOE LM plans to incorporate the consultation activities into its schedule for issuing the PEIS. DOE LM is in the early stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in early 2013 and a Final PEIS in late 2013.

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I would appreciate a response as to Pueblo of Nambe Tribe's interest in participating with DOE LM in government-to-government consultation by **October 12, 2012**. Based on your response, I will then initiate follow-up actions with the Pueblo of Nambe Tribe to address your consultation preferences.

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Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

cc: Ernest Mirabal, NAGPRA Representative
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Tony Carter, LM
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Washington, DC 20585

September 28, 2012

The Honorable Gerald Nailor
Governor
Pueblo of Picuris Tribe
P.O. Box 127
Penasco, NM 87553

Dear Governor Nailor:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of Picuris Tribe on the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A PEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of broad agency actions, such as those that may be associated with the ULP. Under the ULP, the DOE administers tracts of land for the exploration, development, and extraction of uranium and vanadium ores. The DOE's ULP includes tracts of land located in Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel counties in western Colorado that cover a cumulative area of approximately 25,000 acres. Attached is a map of the lease tracts.

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DOE LM would like to invite you into the process at this point and is interested in identifying the Pueblo of Picuris Tribe's preferences on a consultation approach for the PEIS. DOE LM plans to incorporate the consultation activities into its schedule for issuing the PEIS. DOE LM is in the early stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in early 2013 and a Final PEIS in late 2013.

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I would appreciate a response as to Pueblo of Picuris Tribe's interest in participating with DOE LM in government-to-government consultation by **October 12, 2012**. Based on your response, I will then initiate follow-up actions with the Pueblo of Picuris Tribe to address your consultation preferences.

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Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

cc: Christy Van Buren, NAGPRA Representative
Thomas C. Pauling, LM
Tony Carter, LM
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Tracy Ribeiro, LM
David Conrad, CI

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

September 28, 2012

The Honorable George Rivera
Governor
Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribe
78 Cities of Gold Road
Santa Fe, NM 87506

Dear Governor Rivera:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribe on the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A PEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of broad agency actions, such as those that may be associated with the ULP. Under the ULP, the DOE administers tracts of land for the exploration, development, and extraction of uranium and vanadium ores. The DOE's ULP includes tracts of land located in Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel counties in western Colorado that cover a cumulative area of approximately 25,000 acres. Attached is a map of the lease tracts.

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DOE LM would like to invite you into the process at this point and is interested in identifying the Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribe's preferences on a consultation approach for the PEIS. DOE LM plans to incorporate the consultation activities into its schedule for issuing the PEIS. DOE LM is in the early stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in early 2013 and a Final PEIS in late 2013.

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I would appreciate a response as to Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribe's interest in participating with DOE LM in government-to-government consultation by **October 12, 2012**. Based on your response, I will then initiate follow-up actions with the Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribe to address your consultation preferences.

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Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

cc: Vernon Lujan, NAGPRA Representative
Thomas C. Pauling, LM
Tony Carter, LM
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David Conrad, CI

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

September 28, 2012

The Honorable Anthony Ortiz
Governor
Pueblo of San Felipe Tribe
P.O. Box 4339
San Felipe Pueblo, NM 87001

Dear Governor Ortiz:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of San Felipe Tribe on the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A PEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of broad agency actions, such as those that may be associated with the ULP. Under the ULP, the DOE administers tracts of land for the exploration, development, and extraction of uranium and vanadium ores. The DOE's ULP includes tracts of land located in Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel counties in western Colorado that cover a cumulative area of approximately 25,000 acres. Attached is a map of the lease tracts.

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Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

cc: Sarah Candelaria, NAGPRA Contact, Tribal Administrator
Thomas C. Pauling, LM
Tony Carter, LM
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Tracy Ribeiro, LM
David Conrad, CI

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

September 28, 2012

The Honorable Terry Aguilar
Governor
Pueblo of San Ildefonso Tribe
Route 5, P.O. Box 315-A
Santa Fe, NM 87506

Dear Governor Aguilar:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of San Ildefonso Tribe on the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A PEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of broad agency actions, such as those that may be associated with the ULP. Under the ULP, the DOE administers tracts of land for the exploration, development, and extraction of uranium and vanadium ores. The DOE's ULP includes tracts of land located in Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel counties in western Colorado that cover a cumulative area of approximately 25,000 acres. Attached is a map of the lease tracts.

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Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

cc: Brain Montoya, NAGPRA Contact, Pueblo of San Ildefonso Tribe
Thomas C. Pauling, LM
Tony Carter, LM
Ray Plieness, LM
Tracy Ribeiro, LM
David Conrad, CI

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

September 28, 2012

The Honorable Malcolm Montoya
Governor
Pueblo of Sandia Tribe
481 Sandia Loop
Bernalillo, NM 87004

Dear Governor Montoya:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of Sandia Tribe on the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A PEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of broad agency actions, such as those that may be associated with the ULP. Under the ULP, the DOE administers tracts of land for the exploration, development, and extraction of uranium and vanadium ores. The DOE's ULP includes tracts of land located in Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel counties in western Colorado that cover a cumulative area of approximately 25,000 acres. Attached is a map of the lease tracts.

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I would appreciate a response as to Pueblo of Sandia Tribe's interest in participating with DOE LM in government-to-government consultation by **October 12, 2012**. Based on your response, I will then initiate follow-up actions with the Pueblo of Sandia Tribe to address your consultation preferences.

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Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

cc: Frank Chaves, Environmental Department Director
Thomas C. Pauling, LM
Tony Carter, LM
Ray Plieness, LM
Tracy Ribeiro, LM
David Conrad, CI

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

September 28, 2012

The Honorable Ernest J. Lujan
Governor
Pueblo of Santa Ana Tribe
Two Dove Road
Santa Ana Pueblo, NM 87004

Dear Governor Lujan:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of Santa Ana Tribe on the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A PEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of broad agency actions, such as those that may be associated with the ULP. Under the ULP, the DOE administers tracts of land for the exploration, development, and extraction of uranium and vanadium ores. The DOE's ULP includes tracts of land located in Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel counties in western Colorado that cover a cumulative area of approximately 25,000 acres. Attached is a map of the lease tracts.

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I would appreciate a response as to Pueblo of Santa Ana Tribe's interest in participating with DOE LM in government-to-government consultation by **October 12, 2012**. Based on your response, I will then initiate follow-up actions with the Pueblo of Santa Ana Tribe to address your consultation preferences.

If you should have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-8324 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, LM's Programmatic Headquarters point of contact for Tribal Nations.

Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

cc: Ben Robbins, Tribal Resource Administrator
Thomas C. Pauling, LM
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David Conrad, CI

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

September 28, 2012

The Honorable Walter Dasheno
Governor
Pueblo of Santa Clara Tribe
P.O. Box 580
Espanola, NM 87532

Dear Governor Dasheno:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of Santa Clara Tribe on the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A PEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of broad agency actions, such as those that may be associated with the ULP. Under the ULP, the DOE administers tracts of land for the exploration, development, and extraction of uranium and vanadium ores. The DOE's ULP includes tracts of land located in Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel counties in western Colorado that cover a cumulative area of approximately 25,000 acres. Attached is a map of the lease tracts.

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DOE LM would like to invite you into the process at this point and is interested in identifying the Pueblo of Santa Clara Tribe's preferences on a consultation approach for the PEIS. DOE LM plans to incorporate the consultation activities into its schedule for issuing the PEIS. DOE LM is in the early stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in early 2013 and a Final PEIS in late 2013.

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If you should have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-8324 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, LM's Programmatic Headquarters point of contact for Tribal Nations.

Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

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Tony Carter, LM
Ray Plieness, LM
Tracy Ribeiro, LM
David Conrad, CI

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Washington, DC 20585

September 28, 2012

The Honorable Loriano B. Romero
Governor
Pueblo of Taos Tribe
P.O. Box1846
Taos, NM 87571

Dear Governor Romero:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of Taos Tribe on the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A PEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of broad agency actions, such as those that may be associated with the ULP. Under the ULP, the DOE administers tracts of land for the exploration, development, and extraction of uranium and vanadium ores. The DOE's ULP includes tracts of land located in Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel counties in western Colorado that cover a cumulative area of approximately 25,000 acres. Attached is a map of the lease tracts.

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DOE LM would like to invite you into the process at this point and is interested in identifying the Pueblo of Taos Tribe's preferences on a consultation approach for the PEIS. DOE LM plans to incorporate the consultation activities into its schedule for issuing the PEIS. DOE LM is in the early stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in early 2013 and a Final PEIS in late 2013.

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I would appreciate a response as to Pueblo of Taos Tribe's interest in participating with DOE LM in government-to-government consultation by **October 12, 2012**. Based on your response, I will then initiate follow-up actions with the Pueblo of Taos Tribe to address your consultation preferences.

If you should have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-8324 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, LM's Programmatic Headquarters point of contact for Tribal Nations.

Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

cc: Gilbert Suazo Sr., Lt. Governor, Pueblo of Taos tribe
Tina Romero, Executive Assistant
Thomas C. Pauling, LM
Tony Carter, LM
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Tracy Ribeiro, LM
David Conrad, CI

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

September 28, 2012

The Honorable Ramos Romero
Governor
Pueblo of Tesuque Tribe
Route 42, P.O. Box 360-T
Santa Fe, NM 87506

Dear Governor Romero:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of Tesuque Tribe on the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A PEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of broad agency actions, such as those that may be associated with the ULP. Under the ULP, the DOE administers tracts of land for the exploration, development, and extraction of uranium and vanadium ores. The DOE's ULP includes tracts of land located in Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel counties in western Colorado that cover a cumulative area of approximately 25,000 acres. Attached is a map of the lease tracts.

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DOE LM would like to invite you into the process at this point and is interested in identifying the Pueblo of Tesuque Tribe's preferences on a consultation approach for the PEIS. DOE LM plans to incorporate the consultation activities into its schedule for issuing the PEIS. DOE LM is in the early stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in early 2013 and a Final PEIS in late 2013.

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I would appreciate a response as to Pueblo of Tesuque Tribe's interest in participating with DOE LM in government-to-government consultation by **October 12, 2012**. Based on your response, I will then initiate follow-up actions with the Pueblo of Tesuque Tribe to address your consultation preferences.

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Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

September 28, 2012

The Honorable Wilfred Shije
Governor
Pueblo of Zia Tribe
135 Capitol Square Drive
Zia Pueblo, NM 87053-6013

Dear Governor Shije:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of Zia Tribe on the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A PEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of broad agency actions, such as those that may be associated with the ULP. Under the ULP, the DOE administers tracts of land for the exploration, development, and extraction of uranium and vanadium ores. The DOE's ULP includes tracts of land located in Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel counties in western Colorado that cover a cumulative area of approximately 25,000 acres. Attached is a map of the lease tracts.

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DOE LM would like to invite you into the process at this point and is interested in identifying the Pueblo of Zia Tribe's preferences on a consultation approach for the PEIS. DOE LM plans to incorporate the consultation activities into its schedule for issuing the PEIS. DOE LM is in the early stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in early 2013 and a Final PEIS in late 2013.

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I would appreciate a response as to Pueblo of Zia Tribe's interest in participating with DOE LM in government-to-government consultation by **October 12, 2012**. Based on your response, I will then initiate follow-up actions with the Pueblo of Zia Tribe to address your consultation preferences.

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Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

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Thomas C. Pauling, LM
Tony Carter, LM
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David Conrad, CI

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Washington, DC 20585

September 28, 2012

The Honorable Arlen P. Quetawki, Sr.
Governor
Zuni Pueblo Tribe
P.O. Box 339
Zuni, NM 87327

Dear Governor Quetawki:

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management's (LM) interest in consulting with the Zuni Pueblo Tribe on the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) being conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A PEIS evaluates the environmental impacts of broad agency actions, such as those that may be associated with the ULP. Under the ULP, the DOE administers tracts of land for the exploration, development, and extraction of uranium and vanadium ores. The DOE's ULP includes tracts of land located in Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel counties in western Colorado that cover a cumulative area of approximately 25,000 acres. Attached is a map of the lease tracts.

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DOE LM would like to invite you into the process at this point and is interested in identifying the Zuni Pueblo Tribe's preferences on a consultation approach for the PEIS. DOE LM plans to incorporate the consultation activities into its schedule for issuing the PEIS. DOE LM is in the early stages of developing the PEIS, with plans to issue a Draft PEIS in early 2013 and a Final PEIS in late 2013.

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I would appreciate a response as to Zuni Pueblo Tribe's interest in participating with DOE LM in government-to-government consultation by **October 12, 2012**. Based on your response, I will then initiate follow-up actions with the Zuni Pueblo Tribe to address your consultation preferences.

If you should have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-8324 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, LM's Programmatic Headquarters point of contact for Tribal Nations.

Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

cc: Arden Kucate, Head Councilman, Zuni Pueblo Tribe
Kurt Dongoske, Acting Director, Historic Perservation
Thomas C. Pauling, LM
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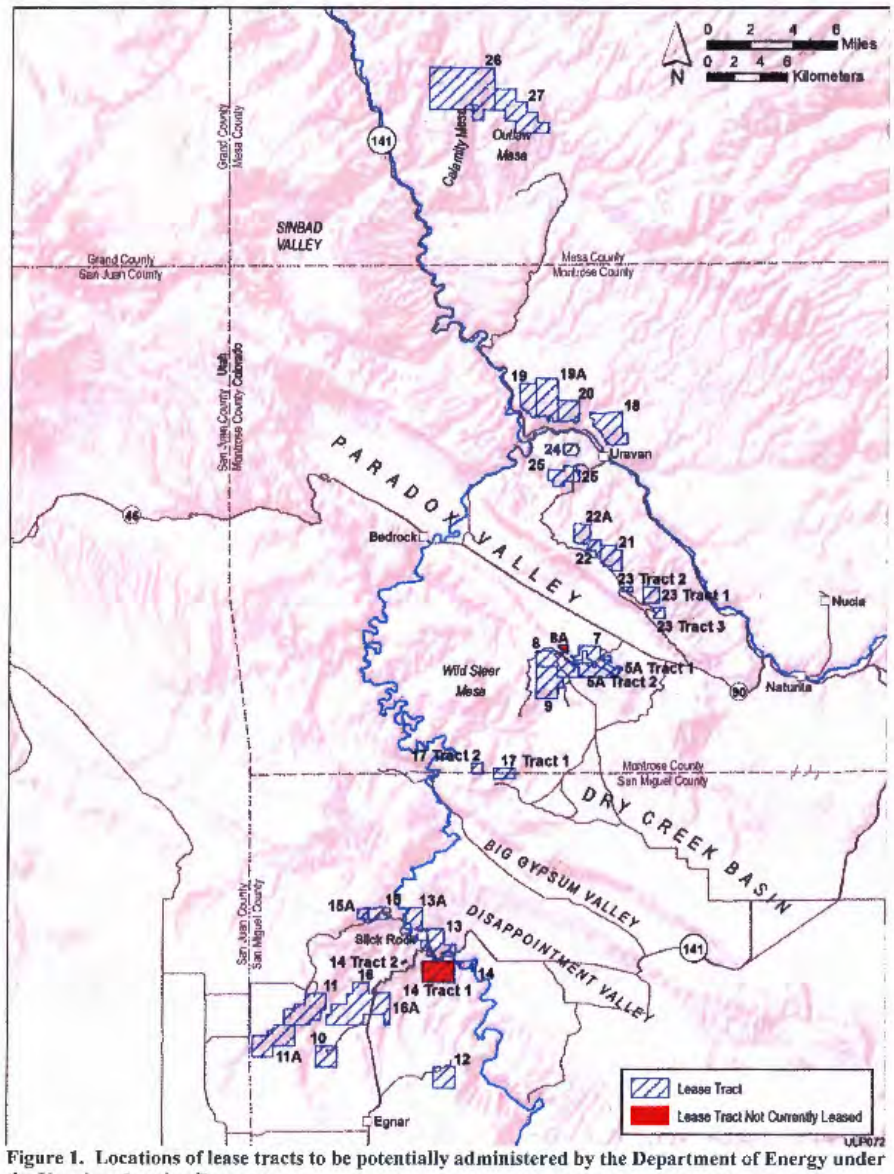

Figure 1. Locations of lease tracts to be potentially administered by the Department of Energy under the Uranium Leasing Program.

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Washington, DC 20585

November 20, 2012

The Honorable Levi Pesata
President
Jicarilla Apache Tribal Council
P.O. Box 507
Dulce, NM 87528

Dear President Pesata:

This letter is a follow-up to the letter dated September 28, 2012 and phone call placed to your office on October 24, 2012, communicating the Department of Energy (DOE) interest in consulting with the Jicarilla Apache Tribe on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP), specifically on the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)* being conducted following the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). DOE currently administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>.

In the inquiry letter on consultation, DOE identified three approaches to government-to-government consultations for your consideration in the event you deemed it appropriate to participate in the PEIS process. DOE is currently reviewing the Draft PEIS with the cooperating agencies; comments are due by November 30, 2012. DOE plans to issue a Draft PEIS for public review in February 2013 and a Final PEIS in late 2013. We welcome your input and encourage your participation in the NEPA process.

DOE continues to look for ways to improve the government-to-government consultation process with the Jicarilla Apache Tribe. We invite any suggestions or advice you might have to improve this process. If you have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-7550 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, my headquarters representative for activities with Tribal Nations.

Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585
November 20, 2012

The Honorable Sisto Quintana
Governor
Kewa Pueblo Tribe
P.O. Box 99
Santo Domingo Pueblo, NM 87052

Dear Governor Quintana:

This letter is a follow-up to the letter dated September 28, 2012 and phone call placed to your office on October 24, 2012, communicating the Department of Energy (DOE) interest in consulting with the Kewa Pueblo Tribe on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP), specifically on the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)* being conducted following the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). DOE currently administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>.

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DOE continues to look for ways to improve the government-to-government consultation process with the Kewa Pueblo Tribe. We invite any suggestions or advice you might have to improve this process. If you have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-7550 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, my headquarters representative for activities with Tribal Nations.

Sincerely,

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November 20, 2012

The Honorable Joshua Madalena
Governor
Pueblo of Jemez Tribe
P.O. Box 100
Jemez Pueblo, NM 87024

Dear Governor Madalena:

This letter is a follow-up to the letter dated September 28, 2012 and phone call placed to your office on October 24, 2012, communicating the Department of Energy (DOE) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of Jemez Tribe on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP), specifically on the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)* being conducted following the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). DOE currently administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>.

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Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
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Washington, DC 20585

November 20, 2012

The Honorable Richard B. Luarkie
Governor
Pueblo of Laguna Tribe
P.O. Box 194
Laguna, NM 87026

Dear Governor Luarkie:

This letter is a follow-up to the letter dated September 28, 2012 and phone call placed to your office on October 24, 2012, communicating the Department of Energy (DOE) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of Laguna Tribe on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP), specifically on the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)* being conducted following the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). DOE currently administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>.

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DOE continues to look for ways to improve the government-to-government consultation process with the Pueblo of Laguna Tribe. We invite any suggestions or advice you might have to improve this process. If you have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-7550 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, my headquarters representative for activities with Tribal Nations.

Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

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Thomas C. Pauling, LM
Tony Carter, LM
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David Conrad, CI

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Washington, DC 20585

November 20, 2012

The Honorable Phillip A. Perez
Governor
Pueblo of Nambe Tribe
Route 1, Box 117-BB
Santa Fe, NM 87506

Dear Governor Perez:

This letter is a follow-up to the letter dated September 28, 2012 and phone call placed to your office on October 24, 2012, communicating the Department of Energy (DOE) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of Nambe Tribe on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP), specifically on the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)* being conducted following the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). DOE currently administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>.

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DOE continues to look for ways to improve the government-to-government consultation process with the Pueblo of Nambe Tribe. We invite any suggestions or advice you might have to improve this process. If you have any questions concerning the ULP PEIS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 586-7550 or Tony Carter at (202) 586-3323, my headquarters representative for activities with Tribal Nations.

Sincerely,

David W. Geiser
Director
Office of Legacy Management

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Thomas C. Pauling, LM
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Washington, DC 20585

November 20, 2012

The Honorable Gerald Nailor
Governor
Pueblo of Picuris Tribe
P.O. Box 127
Penasco, NM 87553

Dear Governor Nailor:

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Sincerely,

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November 20, 2012

The Honorable George Rivera
Governor
Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribe
78 Cities of Gold Road
Santa Fe, NM 87506

Dear Governor Rivera:

This letter is a follow-up to the letter dated September 28, 2012 and phone call placed to your office on October 24, 2012, communicating the Department of Energy (DOE) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribe on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP), specifically on the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)* being conducted following the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). DOE currently administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>.

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November 20, 2012

The Honorable Anthony Ortiz
Governor
Pueblo of San Felipe Tribe
P.O. Box 4339
San Felipe Pueblo, NM 87001

Dear Governor Ortiz:

This letter is a follow-up to the letter dated September 28, 2012 and phone call placed to your office on October 24, 2012, communicating the Department of Energy (DOE) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of San Felipe Tribe on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP), specifically on the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)* being conducted following the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). DOE currently administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>.

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November 20, 2012

The Honorable Terry Aguilar
Governor
Pueblo of San Ildefonso Tribe
Route 5, P.O. Box 315-A
Santa Fe, NM 87506

Dear Governor Aguilar:

This letter is a follow-up to the letter dated September 28, 2012 and phone call placed to your office on October 24, 2012, communicating the Department of Energy (DOE) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of San Ildefonso Tribe on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP), specifically on the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)* being conducted following the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). DOE currently administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>.

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Sincerely,

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Washington, DC 20585

November 20, 2012

The Honorable Malcolm Montoya
Governor
Pueblo of Sandia Tribe
481 Sandia Loop
Bernalillo, NM 87004

Dear Governor Montoya:

This letter is a follow-up to the letter dated September 28, 2012 and phone call placed to your office on October 24, 2012, communicating the Department of Energy (DOE) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of Sandia Tribe on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP), specifically on the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)* being conducted following the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). DOE currently administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>.

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November 20, 2012

The Honorable Ernest J. Lujan
Governor
Pueblo of Santa Ana Tribe
Two Dove Road
Santa Ana Pueblo, NM 87004

Dear Governor Lujan:

This letter is a follow-up to the letter dated September 28, 2012 and phone call placed to your office October 24, 2012, communicating the Department of Energy (DOE) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of Santa Ana Tribe on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP), specifically on the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)* being conducted following the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). DOE currently administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>.

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Sincerely,

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November 20, 2012

The Honorable Loriano B. Romero
Governor
Pueblo of Taos Tribe
P.O. Box1846
Taos, NM 87571

Dear Governor Romero:

This letter is a follow-up to the letter dated September 28, 2012 and phone call placed to your office on October 24, 2012, communicating the Department of Energy (DOE) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of Taos Tribe on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP), specifically on the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)* being conducted following the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). DOE currently administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>.

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November 20, 2012

The Honorable Ramos Romero
Governor
Pueblo of Tesuque Tribe
Route 42, P.O. Box 360-T
Santa Fe, NM 87506

Dear Governor Romero:

This letter is a follow-up to the letter dated September 28, 2012 and phone call placed to your office on October 24, 2012, communicating the Department of Energy (DOE) interest in consulting with the Pueblo of Tesuque Tribe on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP), specifically on the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)* being conducted following the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). DOE currently administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>.

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November 20, 2012

The Honorable Wilfred Shije
Governor
Pueblo of Zia Tribe
135 Capitol Square Drive
Zia Pueblo, NM 87053-6013

Dear Governor Shije:

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November 20, 2012

The Honorable Arlen P. Quetawki, Sr.
Governor
Zuni Pueblo Tribe
P.O. Box 339
Zuni, NM 87327

Dear Governor Quetawki:

This letter is a follow-up to the letter dated September 28, 2012 and phone call placed to your office on October 24, 2012, communicating the Department of Energy (DOE) interest in consulting with the Zuni Pueblo Tribe on the DOE *Uranium Leasing Program (ULP), specifically on the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)* being conducted following the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). DOE currently administers thirty-one (31) lease tracts in the Uravan Mineral Belt in southwestern Colorado. Twenty-nine (29) of these lease tracts are actively held under lease. Activities related to these lease sites are being analyzed in the PEIS, as discussed on the dedicated web page <http://ulpeis.anl.gov/>.

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Kurt Dongoske, Acting Director, Historic Preservation
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Table F-2 lists correspondence related to the establishment of a programmatic agreement between DOE, the Colorado SHPO, and the BLM. Copies of the correspondence follow this table. Letters of invitation sent to the Mesa and San Miguel County historical commissions and Native American tribes are also included here. All the letters of invitation were sent on August 9, 2013, and contain an enclosure that could be filled in and returned to DOE-LM.

TABLE F-2 Correspondence Regarding the Establishment of a Programmatic Agreement for Section 106 Consultation

Date of Letter	Page	Source	Recipient
July 22, 2013	F-97	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Bureau of Land Management (L. Anderson, Southwest District Manager)
July 22, 2013	F-98	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	History Colorado (E.C. Nichols, State Historic Preservation Officer)
July 22, 2013	F-105	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Office of Federal Agency Programs (T. McCulloch, Senior Archeologist)
August 9, 2013	F-106	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (T.A. Ribeiro, Environmental Program Manager)	Coordinator of San Miguel Historical Society
August 9, 2013	F-109	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (T.A. Ribeiro, Environmental Program Manager)	President of Mesa County Historical Society
August 9, 2013	F-112	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Chairwoman of Ute Indian Tribe
August 9, 2013	F-115	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Chairwoman of Southern Ute Indian Tribe
August 9, 2013	F-118	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Chairman of Hopi Tribe
August 9, 2013	F-121	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	President of Navajo Nation
August 9, 2013	F-124	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Chairwoman of White Mesa Ute Tribe

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August 9, 2013	F-130	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Chairman of Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
August 9, 2013	F-133	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Governor of Pueblo of Isleta Tribe
August 9, 2013	F-136	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Governor of Pueblo de Cochiti Tribe
August 9, 2013	F-139	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Governor of Pueblo of Picuris Tribe
August 9, 2013	F-142	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Governor of Pueblo of Taos Tribe
August 9, 2013	F-145	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Chairman of Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation
August 9, 2013	F-148	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	President of Jicarilla Apache Tribal Council
August 9, 2013	F-151	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Governor of Kewa Pueblo Tribe
August 9, 2013	F-154	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Governor of Pueblo of Jemez Tribe
August 9, 2013	F-157	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Governor of Pueblo of Laguna Tribe
August 9, 2013	F-160	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Governor of Pueblo of Nambe Tribe

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August 9, 2013	F-166	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Governor of Pueblo of San Felipe Tribe
August 9, 2013	F-169	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Governor of Pueblo of Ildefonso Tribe
August 9, 2013	F-172	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Governor of Pueblo of Sandia Tribe
August 9, 2013	F-175	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Governor of Pueblo of Santa Ana Tribe
August 9, 2013	F-178	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Governor of Pueblo of Santa Clara Tribe
August 9, 2013	F-181	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Governor of Pueblo of Tesuque Tribe
August 9, 2013	F-184	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Governor of Pueblo of Zia Tribe
August 9, 2013	F-187	U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (D.S. Shafer, Acting Director, Office of Site Operations)	Governor of Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation

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July 22, 2013

Ms. Lori Armstrong
Bureau of Land Management
Southwest District Manager
2465 S. Townsend Ave.
Montrose, CO 81401

Subject: Invitation to be a Consulting Party for a Programmatic Agreement for the Department of Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Ms. Armstrong:

The Department of Energy Office, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) would like to invite the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to be a consulting party for the proposed programmatic agreement as described in the enclosed letter to the Colorado State Historic Preservation Officer (CO SHPO). The discussion on the programmatic agreement was initiated with the CO SHPO, and Gina Jones of your office, on May 30, 2013.

Because of the historical collaborative effort between BLM and DOE-LM on management of the lease tracts associated with the DOE-LM's Uranium Leasing Program and based on the conversations DOE-LM has had with your organization and the CO SHPO, DOE-LM is of the understanding that BLM is agreeable to participate in the programmatic agreement as a consulting party. Please confirm that the BLM will participate as a consulting party.

DOE-LM would like to proceed with discussion of the next steps for this programmatic agreement within the next few weeks. Please call me at (720) 880-4347 or Tracy Ribeiro, the DOE-LM primary contact for this action, at (303) 410-4817 if you have any questions. Please address any correspondence to:

U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Legacy Management
2597 Legacy Way
Grand Junction, CO 81503

Sincerely,

David S. Shafer, Ph.D.
Acting Director – Office of Site Operations
Office of Legacy Management

Enclosure

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July 22, 2013

Edward C. Nichols
State Historic Preservation Officer
History Colorado
1200 Broadway
Denver, CO 80203

Subject: Request for Uranium Leasing Program Section 106 Programmatic Agreement

Dear Mr. Nichols:

Consistent with a discussion initiated with Dan Corson of your office on May 30, 2013, the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) would like to pursue a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for the DOE-LM Uranium Leasing Program.

DOE-LM is the Federal agency involved, and the Federal program is the DOE-LM Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The ULP involves the leasing of Federal lands for exploration, development, and mining for uranium (and vanadium) followed by reclamation. DOE-LM administers the program aspects of the ULP and the subsurface activities while the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) remains responsible for multiple use management of the surface (where not needed for uranium mining facilities). When lessees are active on the lease tracts, both DOE-LM and BLM review exploration and mining plans in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding (2010). The DOE-LM staff to contact for information is:

Tracy Ribeiro, LM Environmental Program Manager, (303) 410-4817.

The current ULP was initiated in 1974. It currently includes multiple lease tracts that encompass approximately 25,000 acres in southwest Colorado within Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel Counties. Historical uses of the lands contained within the ULP have included ranching (since the mid to late 1800s); radium, vanadium, and uranium mining (since the late 1890s); hunting (since the late 1800s); and other recreational activities (predominantly since the 1980s). A map identifying the location of the lease tracts is enclosed.

Currently, there are no lease activities occurring on the lease tracts, other than safety-related actions, due to a litigation hold to address Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act concerns in DOE-LM's programmatic environmental assessment and FONSI issued in 2007. DOE-LM is currently preparing a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for determination whether to continue the ULP and if so, how to manage the program.

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Ground disturbance associated with ULP exploration, development, mining, and reclamation activities could affect historic properties. Historically, approximately 300 acres were disturbed as a result of ULP activities; known cultural resources and historic properties were routinely avoided. In one instance, during reclamation of a small mine portal, heavy equipment inadvertently disturbed a remnant (railroad tie) of the historic track-and-rail system used at the mine entrance. DOE-LM self-reported this incident to the BLM and subsequently was required to conduct mitigation at a second, non-related site. The results of the mitigation were approved by the applicable BLM office. DOE-LM has estimated that up to 490 acres (area of potential effect) could be disturbed should the ULP continue. The actual locations of potential future disturbance will not be known until lessees submit required exploration or mining plans, which must identify the areas that would be affected by the proposed activities.

A Class I cultural resources inventory was conducted for all of the ULP lease tracts in 2006 (provided in the accompanying CD). The Class I inventory identified 126 previous, mostly small-scale, surveys. In addition, in 2006, existing ethnographic literature was reviewed for the presence of potential traditional cultural properties. The study estimates the potential (on a low, medium, high scale) for traditional cultural properties to be found on lease tracts within the study area. Eleven additional Class III inventories have been conducted relative to the ULP lease tracts since the 2006 inventory. Several of these inventories were conducted in support of multiple lessee-proposed exploration plans; the remaining inventories were conducted in support of DOE-LM's proposed reclamation activities at legacy abandoned uranium mine sites. Formal documentation for these surveys were transmitted to the Colorado State Historic Preservation Officer (CO SHPO) through the BLM. A Class III cultural resources inventory of the approximate 25,000 acres has not been completed because it is unknown where future ground disturbance related to the ULP activities would occur.

Based on information obtained from the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (ACHP) in the state of Colorado in December 2011, 42 cultural sites have been identified within the tracts; 24 are prehistoric, 14 are historic, and four have both historic and prehistoric components. Most of the prehistoric sites are classified as either lithic scatters or as camp sites. In addition, one site is a rock art panel, and two are classified as rock shelters. Historic sites are predominantly mines but also include mining camps, a cabin, and a highway.

Historically, because the BLM administers the surface rights, the BLM has assisted DOE-LM by taking lead federal agency responsibility for NHPA consultations and determinations. As lessees identified potential areas of disturbance, the lessees would coordinate with the BLM and DOE to have surveys conducted to determine if cultural resources or historic properties were present. Since the BLM has a programmatic agreement with ACHP and the CO SHPO, BLM has been using the State Protocol to consult with the CO SHPO on determinations of effect.

DOE-LM would like to pursue a programmatic agreement for the ULP with the ACHP, the CO SHPO, and the BLM, as well as Tribes, local governments, and interested public. A preliminary list of Tribes and others that may be contacted to determine if they have interest in becoming a consulting party to the PA is enclosed. Twenty five tribes were previously contacted for nation

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to nation consultation and to determine interest in participating as a cooperating agency for the ULP PEIS; five tribes chose to participate as cooperating agencies for the PEIS while responses from the remaining 20 tribes varied. The BLM is a cooperating agency on the ULP PEIS and has tentatively agreed to be a consulting party on the PA. The BLM will be actively involved with consultation activities under the PA; the division of labor for activities for consultation is still being discussed between LM and the BLM.

The proposed programmatic agreement would formalize the programmatic implementation of a phased approach for leasing, exploration, development, and reclamation. The PA will outline alternative procedures to implement NHPA Section 106 consultation for each phase. Each potential area of disturbance identified by the lessees during their planning process will typically follow the consultation process outlined in 36 CFR sections 800.3 through 800.6; historic properties would be identified and evaluated, effects assessed, and consultation will occur if an adverse effect is identified. This consultation would be completed prior to each exploration plan, mining plan, or reclamation plan being approved.

DOE-LM will contact you within the next few weeks to discuss the next steps for this programmatic agreement. Please call me at (720) 880-4347 or Tracy Ribeiro at (303) 410-4817, if you have any questions concerning this request. Please address any correspondence to:

U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover Street, Suite 1000
Westminster, CO 80021-5573

Sincerely,

David S. Shafer

David S. Shafer, Ph.D.
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Enclosures

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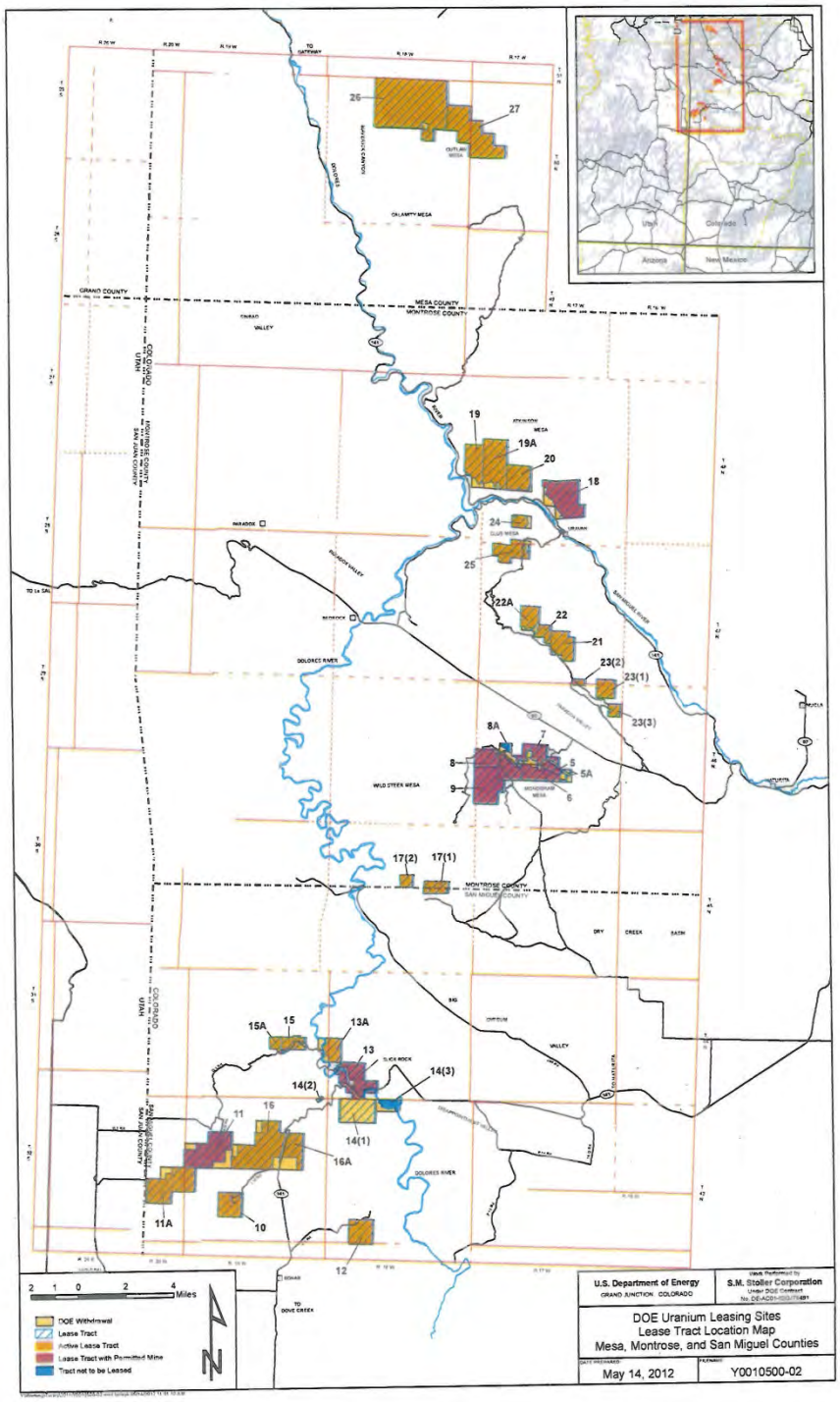
List of Potential Consulting Parties for NHPA Sect. 106 Consultation for ULP

Federal Groups
CO SHPO
BLM
ACHP

Tribal Groups
White Mesa Ute Tribe
Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Ute Indian Tribe
The Navajo Nation
The Hopi Tribe
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
Jicarilla Apache Tribal Council
Kewa Pueblo Tribe
Pueblo of Acoma
Pueblo de Cochiti
Pueblo of Isleta
Pueblo of Jemez Pueblo of Laguna
Pueblo of Nambe
Pueblo of Picuris
Pueblo of Pojoaque
Pueblo of San Felipe
Pueblo of San Ildefonso
Pueblo of Sandia
Pueblo of Santa Ana
Pueblo of Santa Clara
Pueblo of Taos
Pueblo of Tesuque
Pueblo of Zia
Zuni Pueblo

Local Government and Interested Parties
San Miguel Historical Commission
Mesa County Historical Commission
Mesa County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DOE Uranium Leasing Sites
Lease Tract Location Map
Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel Counties
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DOE Withdrawal
Lease Tract
Active Lease Tract
Lease Tract with Permitted Mine
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Class I Cultural Resource Inventory of
38 Department of Energy Uranium Lease Withdrawal Areas
Mesa, Montrose, and San Miguel Counties, Colorado

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Potential Traditional Cultural Properties Within 38 Uranium Lease Tracts in Southwestern Colorado: A Background Ethnographic Analysis

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Office of Federal Agency Programs
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Washington, DC 20004

Subject: Invitation to be a Consulting Party for a Programmatic Agreement for the Department of Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Mr. McCulloch:

The Department of Energy Office, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) would like to invite the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) to be a consulting party for the proposed programmatic agreement as described in the attached letter to the Colorado State Historic Preservation Officer (CO SHPO). The discussion on the programmatic agreement was initiated with the CO SHPO and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on May 30, 2013. DOE-LM started discussions with ACHP the following week. Please let DOE-LM know if the ACHP would like to participate as a consulting party.

DOE-LM would like to proceed with discussion of the next steps for this programmatic agreement within the next few weeks. Please call me at (720) 880-4347 or Tracy Ribeiro, the DOE-LM primary contact for this action, at (303) 410-4817 if you have any questions. Please address any correspondence to:

U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Legacy Management
2597 Legacy Way
Grand Junction, CO 81503

Sincerely,

David S. Shafer

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Linda Luther-Broderick
Coordinator
San Miguel Historical Society
Open Space and Recreation
P.O. Box 1170
Telluride, CO 81435

Subject: Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Ms. Luther-Broderick:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the San Miguel Historical Society to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

In 2011, DOE- LM initiated a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the ULP. DOE-LM is currently preparing responses to comments from the public and initiating the final PEIS; information on the PEIS can be reviewed on the dedicated web page http://ulpeis.anl.gov/. The San Miguel County Board of Commissioners opted to participate in the PEIS endeavor as a cooperating agency.

DOE-LM has estimated that up to 490 acres of the 25,000 acres could be disturbed should the ULP mining continue; however, it is unknown where future ground disturbance related to ULP activities would occur. As a continuing effort to programmatically address potential impacts of the ULP on the environment, DOE-LM is pursuing a PA with the Colorado State Historic Preservation Office (CO SHPO), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the BLM, and other interested historical/heritage groups.

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If the ~~Mesa County~~ San Miguel Historical Society chooses to participate as a consulting party for the proposed PA, they could discuss concerns and provide input on the consultation activities within the proposed phased PA. Is the Mesa County Historical Society interested in serving as a consulting party on the proposed PA? Please let us know of your group's interest in participating. You may fill out the information on the enclosed letter and return it to DOE-LM in the self-addressed, stamped envelope. Alternatively, you may contact me at (303) 410.4817 or tracy.ribeiro@lm.doe.gov.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Program Manager

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Subject: Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

With regards to a proposed Programmatic Agreement to address consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Department of Energy's Uranium Leasing Program, the San Miguel Historical Society is (please check the appropriate line below)

_____ Interested in participating as a consulting party.*

_____ Not interested in participating as a consulting party.

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Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

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Washington, DC 20585

AUG 09 2013

Priscilla B. Mangnall
President
Mesa County Historical Society
P.O. Box 841
Grand Junction, CO 81502

Subject: Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Ms. Mangnall:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Mesa County Historical Society to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

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AUG 09 2013

The Honorable Irene Cuch
Chairwoman
Ute Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 190
Ft. Duchesne, UT 84026

Subject: Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Chairwoman Cuch:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Ute Indian Tribe to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
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Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

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Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

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AUG 09 2013

The Honorable Pearl Casias
Chairwoman
Southern Ute Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 737
Ignacio, CO 81137

Subject: Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Chairwoman Pearl Casias:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
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Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

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Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

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The Honorable Leroy Shingoitewa
Chairman
Hopi Tribe
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

Subject: Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Chairman Shingoitewa:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Hopi Tribe to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
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Subject: Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

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Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

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Washington, DC 20585

AUG 09 2013

The Honorable Ben Shelley
President
Navajo Nation
P.O. Box 7440
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Subject: Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear President Shelley:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Navajo Nation to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Please call me at (720) 880-4347 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David S. Shafer, Ph.D.
Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Office of Legacy Management

Enclosure

cc w/enclosure
Mr. Tony Joe, Navajo Nation
Mr. Tim Begay, Navajo Nation

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Dr. David S. Shafer
Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover St., Ste. 1000
Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

With regards to a proposed Programmatic Agreement to address consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Department of Energy's Uranium Leasing Program, the Navajo Nation is (please check the appropriate line below)

_____ Interested in participating as a consulting party.*

_____ Not interested in participating as a consulting party.

(*Your group will be contacted in the future to continue participation.)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

AUG 09 2013

The Honorable Elayne Atcitty
Chairwoman
White Mesa Ute Tribe
P.O. Box 7096
White Mesa, UT 84511

Subject: Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Chairwoman Atcitty:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the White Mesa Ute Tribe to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Office of Legacy Management

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Dr. David S. Shafer
Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover St., Ste. 1000
Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

With regards to a proposed Programmatic Agreement to address consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Department of Energy's Uranium Leasing Program, the White Mesa Ute Tribe is (please check the appropriate line below)

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_____ Not interested in participating as a consulting party.

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Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

AUG 09 2013

The Honorable Randall Vicente
Governor
Pueblo of Acoma Tribe
P.O. Box 309
Acoma, NM 87034

Subject: Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Governor Vicente:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Pueblo of Acoma Tribe to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Sincerely,

David S. Shafer

David S. Shafer, Ph.D.
Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Office of Legacy Management

Enclosure

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Ms. Theresa Pasqual, Pueblo of Acoma Tribe
Mr. Ernie Vallo, Pueblo of Acoma Tribe

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Dr. David S. Shafer
Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover St., Ste. 1000
Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

With regards to a proposed Programmatic Agreement to address consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Department of Energy's Uranium Leasing Program, the Pueblo of Acoma is (please check the appropriate line below)

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_____ Not interested in participating as a consulting party.

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Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

AUG 09 2013

The Honorable Gary Hayes
Chairman
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
P.O. Box 248
Towaoc, CO 81334

Subject: Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Chairman Hayes:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
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Lynn Hartmann, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
Terry Night, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

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Dr. David S. Shafer
Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover St., Ste. 1000
Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

With regards to a proposed Programmatic Agreement to address consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Department of Energy's Uranium Leasing Program, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe is (please check the appropriate line below)

_____ Interested in participating as a consulting party.*

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Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

AUG 09 2013

The Honorable Frank E. Lujan
Governor
Pueblo of Isleta Tribe
P.O. Box 1270
Isleta, NM 87022

Subject: Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Governor Lujan:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Pueblo of Isleta Tribe to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Sincerely,

David S. Shafer, Ph.D.
Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Office of Legacy Management

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Stephanie Zuni, Pueblo of Isleta Tribe
Valentino Jaramillo, Pueblo of Isleta Tribe

Dr. David S. Shafer
Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover St., Ste. 1000
Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

With regards to a proposed Programmatic Agreement to address consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Department of Energy's Uranium Leasing Program, the Pueblo of Isleta is (please check the appropriate line below)

_____ Interested in participating as a consulting party.*

_____ Not interested in participating as a consulting party.

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Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

AUG 09 2013

The Honorable Robert B. Pecos
Governor
Pueblo de Cochiti Tribe
P.O. Box 70
Cochiti Pueblo, NM 87072

Subject: Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Governor Pecos:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Pueblo de Cochiti Tribe to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Office of Legacy Management

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Jacob Pecos, Pueblo de Cochiti Tribe
Gilbert Herrera, Pueblo de Cochiti Tribe

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Dr. David S. Shafer
Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover St., Ste. 1000
Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

With regards to a proposed Programmatic Agreement to address consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Department of Energy's Uranium Leasing Program, the Pueblo de Cochiti Tribe is (please check the appropriate line below)

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_____ Not interested in participating as a consulting party.

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Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

August 9, 2013

The Honorable Gerald Nailor
Governor
Pueblo of Picuris Tribe
P.O. Box 127
Penasco, NM 87553

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Governor Nailor:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Pueblo of Picuris Tribe to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Sincerely,

David S. Shafer, Ph.D.
Acting Director of Site Operations
Office of Legacy Management

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Richard Mermejo, Pueblo of Picuris Tribe

Dr. David S. Shafer
Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover St., Ste. 1000
Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

With regards to a proposed Programmatic Agreement to address consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Department of Energy's Uranium Leasing Program, the Pueblo of Picuris Tribe is (please check the appropriate line below)

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Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

August 9, 2013

The Honorable Nelson J. Cordova
Governor
Pueblo of Taos Tribe
P.O. Box 1846
Taos, NM 87571

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Governor Cordova:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Pueblo of Taos Tribe to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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If the Pueblo of Taos Tribe chooses to participate as a consulting party for the proposed PA, they could discuss concerns and provide input on the consultation activities within the proposed phased PA. Is the Pueblo of Taos Tribe interested in serving as a consulting party on the proposed PA? Please call to identify your tribe's interest in participating or fill out the information on the enclosed letter and return it to DOE-LM in the self-addressed, stamped envelope. Alternately, you may contact Tracy Ribeiro, LM's Environmental Program Manager, at (303) 410-4817 or at tracy.ribeiro@lm.doe.gov. Please call me at (720) 880-4347 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David S. Shafer, Ph.D.
Acting Director of Site Operations
Office of Legacy Management

Enclosure

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Donovan Gomez, Pueblo of Taos Tribe

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Dr. David S. Shafer
Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover St., Ste. 1000
Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

With regards to a proposed Programmatic Agreement to address consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Department of Energy's Uranium Leasing Program, the Pueblo of Taos Tribe is (please check the appropriate line below)

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Print Name: _____

Date: _____

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

August 9, 2013

The Honorable Floyd Azure
Chairman
Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation
P.O. Box 1027
Poplar, MT 59255

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Chairman Azure:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover St., Ste. 1000
Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

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Print Name: _____

Date: _____

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

August 9, 2013

The Honorable Kevi Pestata
President
Jicarilla Apache Tribal Council
P.O. Box 507
Dulce, NM 87528

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear President Pestata:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Jicarilla Apace Tribal Council to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Gifford Velarde, Jicarilla Apache Tribe
Dr. Jeff Blythe, Jicarilla Apache Tribe

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Dr. David S. Shafer
Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover St., Ste. 1000
Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

With regards to a proposed Programmatic Agreement to address consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Department of Energy's Uranium Leasing Program, the Jicarilla Apache Tribe is (please check the appropriate line below)

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Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

August 9, 2013

The Honorable David F. Garcia
Governor
Kewa Pueblo Tribe
P.O. Box 99
Santo Domingo, NM 87052

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Governor Garcia:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Kewa Pueblo Tribe to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Dr. David S. Shafer
Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover St., Ste. 1000
Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

With regards to a proposed Programmatic Agreement to address consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Department of Energy's Uranium Leasing Program, the Kewa Pueblo Tribe is (please check the appropriate line below)

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Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585
August 9, 2013

The Honorable Michael J. Toledo, Jr.
Governor
Pueblo of Jemez Tribe
P.O. Box 100
Jemez Pueblo, NM 87024

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Governor Toledo:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Pueblo of Jemez Tribe to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Acting Director of Site Operations
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Christopher Toya, Pueblo of Jemez Tribe

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Dr. David S. Shafer
Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover St., Ste. 1000
Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

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Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

August 9, 2013

The Honorable Richard B. Luarkie
Governor
Pueblo of Laguna Tribe
P.O. Box 194
Laguna Pueblo, NM 87026

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Governor Luarkie:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Pueblo of Laguna Tribe to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Sincerely,

David S. Shafer, Ph.D.
Acting Director of Site Operations
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Robert Mooney, Pueblo of Laguna Tribe
Larry Lente, Pueblo of Laguna Tribe

Dr. David S. Shafer
Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover St., Ste. 1000
Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

With regards to a proposed Programmatic Agreement to address consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Department of Energy's Uranium Leasing Program, the Pueblo of Laguna Tribe is (please check the appropriate line below)

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Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

August 9, 2013

The Honorable Ernest Mirabal
Governor
Pueblo of Nambe Tribe
Route 1, Box 117-BB
Santa Fe, NM 87506

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Governor Mirabal:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Pueblo of Nambe Tribe to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover St., Ste. 1000
Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

With regards to a proposed Programmatic Agreement to address consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Department of Energy's Uranium Leasing Program, the Pueblo of Nambe Tribe is (please check the appropriate line below)

_____ Interested in participating as a consulting party.*

_____ Not interested in participating as a consulting party.

(*Your group will be contacted in the future to continue participation.)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

August 9, 2013

The Honorable George Rivera
Governor
Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribe
78 Cities of Gold Road
Santa Fe, NM 87506

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Governor Rivera:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribe to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Vernan Lujan, Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribe

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Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover St., Ste. 1000
Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

With regards to a proposed Programmatic Agreement to address consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Department of Energy's Uranium Leasing Program, the Pueblo of Pojoaque Tribe is (please check the appropriate line below)

_____ Interested in participating as a consulting party.*

_____ Not interested in participating as a consulting party.

(*Your group will be contacted in the future to continue participation.)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

August 9, 2013

The Honorable Raymond Sandoval, Sr.
Governor
Pueblo of San Felipe Tribe
P.O. Box 4339
San Felipe, NM 87001

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Governor Sandoval:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Pueblo of San Felipe Tribe to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Sincerely,

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Acting Director of Site Operations
Office of Legacy Management

Enclosure

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Dr. David S. Shafer
Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover St., Ste. 1000
Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

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_____ Not interested in participating as a consulting party.

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Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

August 9, 2013

The Honorable Perry Martinez
Governor
Pueblo of Ildefonso Tribe
Route 5, Box 315A
Santa Fe, NM 87506

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Governor Martinez:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Pueblo of Ildefonso Tribe to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Acting Director of Site Operations
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Brian Montoya, Pueblo of Ildefonso Tribe

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Dr. David S. Shafer
Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover St., Ste. 1000
Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

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Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

August 9, 2013

The Honorable Malcolm Montoya
Governor
Pueblo of Sandia Tribe
481 Sandia Loop
Bernalillo, NM 87004

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Governor Montoya:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Pueblo of Sandia Tribe to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Frank Chavez, Pueblo of Sandia Tribe

Dr. David S. Shafer
Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover St., Ste. 1000
Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

With regards to a proposed Programmatic Agreement to address consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Department of Energy's Uranium Leasing Program, the Pueblo of Sandia Tribe is (please check the appropriate line below)

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Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

August 9, 2013

The Honorable Lawrence Montoya
Governor
Pueblo of Santa Ana Tribe
2 Dove Road
Santa Ana Pueblo, NM 87004

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Governor Montoya:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Pueblo of Santa Ana Tribe to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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David S. Shafer, Ph.D.
Acting Director of Site Operations
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Ben Robbins, Pueblo of Santa Ana Tribe

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Dr. David S. Shafer
Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover St., Ste. 1000
Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

With regards to a proposed Programmatic Agreement to address consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Department of Energy's Uranium Leasing Program, the Pueblo of Santa Ana Tribe is (please check the appropriate line below)

_____ Interested in participating as a consulting party.*

_____ Not interested in participating as a consulting party.

(*Your group will be contacted in the future to continue participation.)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

August 9, 2013

The Honorable Walter Dasheno
Governor
Pueblo of Santa Clara Tribe
P.O. Box 580
Espanola, NM 87532

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Governor Dasheno:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Pueblo of Santa Clara Tribe to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Acting Director of Site Operations
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Ben Chavarria, Pueblo of Santa Clara Tribe

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Dr. David S. Shafer
Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover St., Ste. 1000
Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

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Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

August 9, 2013

The Honorable Mark Mitchell
Governor
Pueblo of Tesuque Tribe
Route 42, Box 360-T
Sante Fe, NM 87506

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Governor Mitchell:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Pueblo of Tesuque Tribe to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover St., Ste. 1000
Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

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Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

August 9, 2013

The Honorable Marcellus Medina
Governor
Pueblo of Zia Tribe
135 Capitol Square Drive
Zia Pueblo, NM 87053

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Governor Medina:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Pueblo of Zia Tribe to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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Peter Pino, Pueblo of Zia Tribe

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Dr. David S. Shafer
Acting Director- Office of Site Operations
Department of Energy – Office of Legacy Management
11025 Dover St., Ste. 1000
Westminster, CO 80021

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

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Print Name: _____

Date: _____

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

August 9, 2013

The Honorable Arlen P. Quetawki
Governor
Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation
P.O. Box 339
Zuni, NM 87327

Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

Dear Governor Quetawki:

The purpose of this letter is to invite the Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation to be a consulting party for a programmatic agreement (PA) under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to address Section 106 consultation activities for historic properties that have been or may be identified on 25,000 acres of land in southwest Colorado. The acreage is managed by the Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management (DOE-LM) under the DOE Uranium Leasing Program (ULP). The enclosed map displays the lease tract areas that will be addressed in the PA. For all the lease tracts, DOE-LM has land withdrawals from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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If the Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation chooses to participate as a consulting party for the proposed PA, they could discuss concerns and provide input on the consultation activities within the proposed phased PA. Is the Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation interested in serving as a consulting party on the proposed PA? Please call to identify your tribe's interest in participating or fill out the information on the enclosed letter and return it to DOE-LM in the self-addressed, stamped envelope. Alternately, you may contact Tracy Ribeiro, LM's Environmental Program Manager, at (303) 410-4817 or at tracy.ribeiro@lm.doe.gov. Please call me at (720) 880-4347 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Activities Related to the Department Energy's Uranium Leasing Program

With regards to a proposed Programmatic Agreement to address consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Department of Energy's Uranium Leasing Program, the Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation is (please check the appropriate line below)

_____ Interested in participating as a consulting party.*

_____ Not interested in participating as a consulting party.

(*Your group will be contacted in the future to continue participation.)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

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