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**Subject:** Proposed Crow Butte Licence Renewal, North Trend, Marsland, Three Crow TCP Survey by Santee and Crow Tribes

Nathan Goodman,

The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe (CRST) submits this response to the Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) Survey conducted by the Santee Tribe and the Crow Tribe of the Proposed Crow Butte In-Situ Uranium Recovery License Renewal, North Trend, Marsland, and Three Crow Projects.

Statements or comment from America's history or presence of early European settlers in this area does no justice for Tribes concerns of protection and preservation of cultural resources. These areas are known to the United States as "Treaty Territory" or to the Lakota (Sioux) as ancestral territory. Proper identification of properties of cultural and religious significance can only be made for the Lakota by the Lakota.

As THPO I participated in the "site visit" to the proposed mining area and at that time had great concern to the ongoing destruction to the landscape. I voiced concern to the mining effects to the water sources above and below ground. I questioned the amount of present faults and my concern to earthquakes from the hydraulic fracturing process. These are concerns to CRST as we consider water as a sacred object.

The interpretation by the Santee and Crow of stone features may satisfy them and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission but is not acceptable for CRST and most likely the rest of the Oceti Sakowin (Sioux Nation). The report states "it is difficult to identify cultural properties" (Marsland), "no potential significance for the National Registry of Historic Places, for any and all of the findings" (Marsland), "the Crow Tribe walked through the Southern portion of the site, but no findings" (Marsland), "it could have been a possible grave site, but we marked it as a mound" (Three Crow), "no evidence of cultural properties" (Three Crow), leaves many questions of sufficient identification for CRST.

CRST does not agree or concur to the TCP Report submitted.

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