



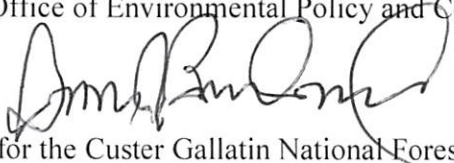
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Team Leader, Department of Interior – Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
FROM: ^{ACTING} Regional Director - Great Plains Region 
SUBJECT: Revision of the Land Management Plan for the Custer Gallatin National Forest

We received your letter regarding the proposed project listed below. We have considered the potential for both environmental damage and impacts to archaeological and Native American religious sites on lands held in trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Plains Region. You should be aware; however, that Tribes or Tribal members may have lands in fee status near the sites of interest. These lands would not necessarily be in our databases, and the Tribes should be contacted directly to ensure all concerns are recognized. The actions considered have the following notification date and project location:

January 3, 2018

Project Title: NOI USFS Revision of the Land
Management Plan for the Custer
Gallatin National Forest

We have no environmental objections to this action as long as the project complies with all pertinent laws and regulations. Questions regarding environmental opinions and conditions can be addressed to Marilyn Bercier, Regional Environmental Scientist, at (605) 226-7656.

We also find that the listed action will not affect cultural resources on Tribal or individual landholdings for which we are responsible. Methodologies for the treatment of cultural resources now known or yet to be discovered – particularly human remains – must nevertheless utilize the best available science in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (as amended), and all other pertinent legislation and implementing regulations. Archaeological concerns can be addressed to Dr. Sebastian C. LeBeau II, Acting Regional Archaeologist, at (605) 226-7656.