



6/6/23

Northern Ranger District
2014 N Main Street
Spearfish, SD 57783

RE: Golden Crest Exploration Drilling

Dear Sir or Madam,

We have reviewed the documentation for the referenced project(s). Based on the information provided, we would like to notify you that the Yankton Sioux Tribe Tribal Historic Preservation Office does not agree with this project. HeSapa (Black Hills) is sacred to the tribes and to determine that an undertaking will have no adverse effect due to being in previously disturbed areas is not possible, due to the fact that the entire HeSapa is a cultural landscape along with water ways down from the project and any undertakings that occur in the HeSapa have a major adverse effect on our sacred Black Hills. We are opposed to any projects that continually erode the Black Hills cultural landscape.

The Yankton Sioux Tribe has adopted the Ihanktonwan Consultation Wo'ope (Protocols for Consultation with the Yankton Sioux Tribe). Accordingly, in order to go into consultation with the Yankton Sioux Tribe the Northern Ranger District must follow the process set forth in the Ihanktonwan Consultation Wo'ope which has not been met yet from previous comments on many projects that require an adequate amount of earthmoving. Also, there are treaties and international law that should allow these comments to be understood at a more extreme level. Failure to meet with us as a "government-to-government" is a violation of our protocols and from our perception legal consultation has not been met.

Please retain this letter in your files as compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at our office by phone at 605-384-3641 ext. 1032/1033 or by e-mail at yst.thpo@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colten Archambeau".

Colten Archambeau, THPO Director
Tribal Historic Preservation Office
Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota