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DATE

Tribal Contact

Tribal Address line 1

Tribal Address line 2

City, State Zip Code

Re: Notice of federal undertaking and request for comments under 36 CFR 800

I am writing to you regarding the following project:

*insert* Project ID/Termini/Highway/County

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, is considering an undertaking located at/on [*insert* description of project location with highway, termini, county, length, etc.]. The proposed undertaking will consist of [*insert* brief description of what will occur--reconstruction, adding lanes, etc. Note - describe project actions in a manner that is understood by the general public. Avoid technical/engineering verbiage when possible. Attach a project location map identifying the project termini.]

Your tribe has requested to be notified of undertakings in this area of Wisconsin. Attached is information regarding the proposed undertaking to assist in consultation on the scope of identification efforts, which includes the determination and documentation of the area of potential effects (APE). A review of the state’s cultural resource inventories resulted in no previously recorded historic properties and/or human burial sites in the project area. As no known historic properties and burials will be affected, this project is being considered for expedited review, in accordance with WisDOT’s Facilities Development Manual [FDM 26-5-1(A1)].

WisDOT would be pleased to receive any comments your tribe wishes to share regarding this undertaking, the determination of the APE, and any potential impacts to historic properties and/or burials. To ensure your comments are considered during this early phase of project development, WisDOT requests a response within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Other environmental studies may be conducted for this undertaking such as endangered species survey, contaminated material investigations, soil testing and right-of-way surveys. Results of these studies and comments provided by you will assist the engineers in the design to avoid, minimize or mitigate effects upon natural and cultural resources.

If your tribe wishes to become a consulting party under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act or would like to receive additional information regarding this undertaking, please contact WisDOT Project Manager [*insert* name] at [*insert* address, phone number].

Sincerely,

Project Manager

CC: bees.cr@dot.wi.gov

Attachments: Project Location Map

[*Insert* other attachments]