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Victoria Ruston, Director
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Re: Docket No. FD 30186 - Request for extension of June 23, 2015
deadline

Dear Ms. Ruston:

On behalf of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, I write to request a 120-day extension of the June 23, 2015 deadline to provide comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The proposed Tongue River Railroad project, which could be located on the doorstep of our Reservation and near many of its inhabitants, is incredibly complex and implicates important Tribal interests. The potential environmental, cultural, social and other impacts to the Tribe would be of major consequence to our Reservation and its members. In order to provide quality comments on these wide-ranging topics, the Tribe will need substantially more time than the amount currently allocated to consider the DEIS further, gather information, coordinate and compile input from tribal government agencies and representatives and prepare comments. The Tribe would appreciate an additional 120 days, to October 21, 2015, to complete this process.

Please advise whether this extension is granted.

Sincerely,

Llevando Fisher, President
Northern Cheyenne Tribe

LITTLE WOLF AND MORNING STAR - Out of defeat and exile they led us back to Montana and won our Cheyenne homeland that we will keep forever.