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Subject: US Army Corps of Engineers Visit to Crow Agency

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for taking the time for a field tour and site visit to Crow Agency, MT in December 2014. On behalf of the Crow Tribe, I appreciate the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) interest in our natural resource projects that will benefit our people.

Obtaining the full value from our coal resources depends on having the transportation infrastructure in place for us to access both national and international markets. The Gateway Pacific Terminal project will ensure access to markets for Crow coal. Obtaining full value for these resources is the key to the Crow Tribe's future.

We respect the USACE decision on the scope of the Gateway Pacific Terminal project. It is important to note that because USACE decisions regarding the proposed project will also affect our ability to fully realize the value of our tribal trust resources, we are an interested party in the environmental review process. As required by Executive Order 13175: Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, we request the USACE consult with us on a regular basis throughout the environmental review process for this project.

We have reached out to the Lummi Nation and other Pacific Northwest Tribes to discuss the proposed project. We will continue to reach out to foster dialogue on a governmental level,

tribal nation to tribal nation. However, we are concerned about recent news reports that Lummi is asking the USACE to stop the environmental review process based on perceived impacts to their treaty fishing rights. Because of the Lummi request and reluctance among some tribes to talk with us about their concerns, we request that USACE consider creating a safe place to talk about these issues. Specifically, we request the USACE act as a convener to facilitate a dialogue with affected tribes, regulators and project proponents. We believe this would be the best course of action to come to a resolution among all parties.

Thank you again for your time and we at Crow look forward to active communications and continuing our conversations with the USACE.

Sincerely,



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