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Dear Chair(man/woman) XX,

Due to the President's policy on developing domestic energy and reducing dependence on foreign energy resources, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has seen an increase in interest from the geothermal industry for both exploration and development projects. As a result, the BLM field offices have been tasked with expediting the review, analysis, and the potential permitting of geothermal projects.

The XX Field Office (XXFO) has received five preliminary project proposals for geothermal exploration and development within the XX Planning Area, as shown on the attached maps. Two of the proposed exploration projects are located in XX (XX Exploration Project) and in the southern portion of XX Valley (XX Geothermal Exploration Project). The remaining three projects propose development of geothermal power generation facilities and construction of transmission lines within XX Valley (XX Valley Development Project) and XX Valley (XX Valley Development Project), and XX (XX Valley Production Project), also shown on the attached maps.

The BLM is committed to keeping the XX Tribe informed of the potential development of geothermal resources through consultation at the various phases. As part of phased consultation with the XX Tribe, initial letters were provided to your office at the time of geothermal leasing

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of the parcels in XX 2009 and XX 2010 (copies of these letters are attached). As the BLM can anticipate requests for exploration and development at these locations in the coming months, we are sending you this additional information and requesting that your Tribe, Council, and community members consider how these actions would affect resources or sites. Please provide any information the XX Tribe considers appropriate to me or my staff at the XXFO. The BLM will utilize your information to attempt to limit, reduce, or eliminate any negative effects to traditional, cultural, and spiritual sites, activities, and resources.

An archaeological inventory of the specific areas proposed for exploration and development will be undertaken very soon. When BLM receives site specific information resulting from these inventories, we will initiate further discussion and consultation, as requested, with you.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, or wish to arrange a meeting or field visit with our office, please contact me or XXXX of my staff at (775) XXX-XXXX or at the above address.

Sincerely,

XX Field Manager

Enclosures (maps and geothermal lease consultation letters)