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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
GREAT FALLS DIVISION**

CITIZENS FOR CLEAN ENERGY, et al.,
Plaintiffs,

and

THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBE,
Plaintiff,

v.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, et al.,
Defendants,

and

STATE OF WYOMING, et al.,
Defendant-Intervenors.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, et al.,
Plaintiffs,

v.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, et al.,
Defendants,

Case No. 4:17-cv-30-BMM

**PLAINTIFFS' RESPONSE TO
FEDERAL DEFENDANTS'
NOTICE OF PARTIAL
COMPLIANCE**

Case No. 4:17-cv-42-BMM
(consolidated case)

and

STATE OF WYOMING, et al.,

Defendant-Intervenors.

The Northern Cheyenne Tribe and Conservation Plaintiffs hereby respond to Federal Defendants' May 22, 2019 Notice, in which they suggest "that they have partially complied with the Court's April 19, 2019 order." Doc. 143, at 1. Their claim is based on the issuance of a 35-page draft Environmental Assessment, which they have made available for public comment for 15 days. The Tribe and Conservation Plaintiffs notify the Court that they disagree with Federal Defendants' characterization that the mere commencement of a process under the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") constitutes partial compliance with this Court's Order, and that, as a result, Plaintiffs in these consolidated cases still intend to timely file their brief regarding appropriate remedies for Federal Defendants' NEPA violation no later than June 18, 2019.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of May, 2019,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was today served via the Court's CM/ECF system on all counsel of record.

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