



September 20, 2019

Shad Kramer, Director  
Custer State Park  
Custer, SD 57730

Dear Mr. Kramer,

Sinte Gleska University (SGU) would like to attend and participate in the Custer State Park Buffalo Round Up. We are bringing a medicine man to pray for the bison during this annual process that breaks up the bison families and causes a bit of stress on these relatives. Sinte Gleska University works with several USDA grant programs and manages Land Grant programs. We have a couple different locations where we manage nearly 1000 bison on the Rosebud Reservation. Additionally, the tribe has a small herd at Pesla in the Black Hills and another herd of 300+ bison near Rosebud.

Our Tiwahe Glu Kinipi program did a documentary film that was shown all over the state and in NY City and Los Angeles. We work on our horse ranch in Mission where we utilize equine therapy to help students in mental health programs work with families on the reservation with problems. We also have one of the only tribal college or university Environmental Science bachelorette programs in the nation. We would like to have riders participate in the Annual Round Up and have some of our Environmental Studies students work with park staff in the summer interns. There is a lot of potential to work together on environmental programs and our students love to travel to the sacred Black Hills to learn and share.

Please consider this request as an opportunity to help foster relations between the state and the Lakota people through our beautiful Sicangu institution of higher learning named after our chief Spotted Tail. In the future we would like to invite the Secretary of Tribal Relations and the governor to ride with us if possible and feel this effort of ours would help in reconciliation efforts in the state as promoted by former Governor Mickelson.

Thank you for your kind consideration on this most important matter. Please let us know if there is anything else we can do for you during this event or any others. If you have any questions, please contact me at 605-856-8100.

Respectfully requested,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shawn Bordeaux". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

Rep. Shawn Bordeaux  
PO Box 283  
Mission, SD 57555-0283



June 3, 2019

Shad Kramer, Director  
Custer State Park  
Custer, SD 57

Dear Mr. Kramer,

I would like to request permission to attend and participate in the Custer State Park Buffalo Round Up. As an employee of Sinte Gleska University, I work with several USDA grant programs and help manage our Land Grant programs. We have three different locations that we manage nearly 1000 bison on the Rosebud Reservation. Additionally, the tribe has a small herd at Pesla in the Black Hills and another 300+ bison near Rosebud.

We also have a horse ranch in Mission where we utilize equine therapy to help students in mental health programs work with families on the reservation with problems. We also have one of the only tribal college or university Environmental Science bachelorette programs in the nation. We would like to have 7 riders participate in the Annual Round Up and possibly even use horse masks on our mounts in the program.

Please consider this request for the opportunity to help foster relations between the different races of people and our Lakota people through our beautiful Sicangu institution of higher learning named after our principal chief Spotted Tail. I would welcome the Secretary of the Tribal Relations David Flute to ride with us if possible and feel this would help in reconciliation efforts in the state.

Thank you for your kind consideration on this most important matter. If there is more information that is needed, or you have any questions, please contact me at 605-856-8100.

Respectfully requested,  
Rep. Shawn Bordeaux

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Cc: Dept. of Game, Fish & Parks  
Secretary of Tribal Relations



August 21, 2020

Shad Kramer, Director  
Custer State Park  
Custer, SD 57730

Dear Mr. Kramer,

I would like to again request permission to attend and participate in the Custer State Park Buffalo Round Up. Sinte Gleska University works with several USDA grant programs and manages our Land Grant programs. We have hundreds of bison on our campus on the Rosebud Reservation. Additionally, the tribe has another 300+ bison near Rosebud and will be adding more animals at a private tribally owned ranch later this fall.

We also have a horse ranch in Mission where we utilize equine therapy to help students in mental health programs work with families on the reservation with problems. We use horses to help us work with youth on family issues they may have dealing with mental health. It is a SAMSA grant that funds our Tiwahe Glu Kinipi program, which means bringing the family back together. We are one of the only tribal colleges with an Environmental Science bachelorette program in the nation. We feel that working together with Custer State Park would enhance both of our efforts between the state and tribes.

We would like to have 7 riders participate in the Annual Round Up and possibly even use horse masks on our mounts in the program. We invited Secretary Flute and the Governor to ride with us last year and would like to extend the invitation again.

Please consider this request for the opportunity to help foster relations between the different people and our Lakota people through our beautiful Sicangu institution of higher learning named after our chief Spotted Tail. Thank you for your kind consideration on this most important matter. If there is more information that is needed, or you have any questions, please contact me at 605-856-8100.

Respectfully requested,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shawn Bordeaux".

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