

CHAPTER 4

TRIBAL SCOPING

Tribal coordination packages were sent to representatives of Native American groups, including tribes, on May 17, 2012, as detailed in Section 1.4. This chapter of the Scoping Report summarizes the comments received from the Native American groups, including tribes. Appendix E includes the comments submitted. Comments from Native American groups, including tribes, will continue to be collected, and this chapter will be updated to reflect the comments received to date at the time of the Final Scoping Report.

4.1 RANGE OF COMMENTS

Comments received from Native American groups, including tribes, are organized by group or tribe and are summarized below.

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska has cultural properties in the area of proposed construction. According to oral tradition, the tribe lived in the area in the prehistoric period and in the early years of the historic period. If any burial sites or other cultural properties are found, the tribe must be notified immediately.

The Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas does not currently have sufficient staffing to provide input on the Project and deferred to other groups or tribes with similar historical ties. The tribe acknowledged FRA's compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The Yankton Sioux noted that the proposed routes fall within their ancestral lands, and is requesting further coordination for performing a traditional cultural property (TCP) study, and inclusion of other Sioux tribes in the region as part of Project coordination.

4.2 KEY COMMENTS

The key comments are to coordinate with Native American groups, including tribes, regarding the Study and Project, a TCP study, and in the event of discovery of tribal cultural properties.