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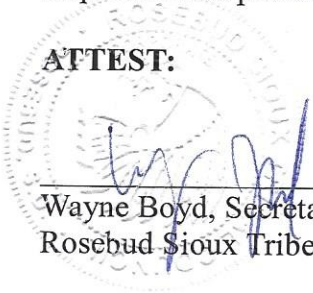


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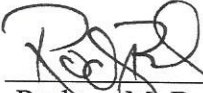
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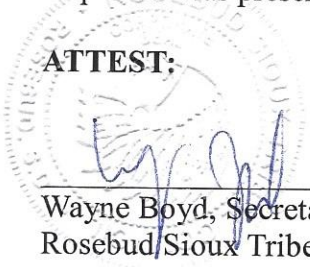
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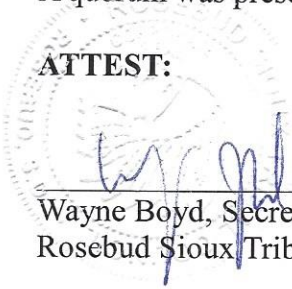
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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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**JUN 11 2020**

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Enclosure