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<p>November 25, 2014 Initial SR1 Meeting held with Mike Oka, Blood Tribe/Kainai Consultation Coordinator, Stand Off Alberta.</p> <p>March 13, 2017 The Blood Tribe/Kainai delivered a Joint Interim Traditional Use Report that was co-authored with the Siksika Nation</p> <p>June 25, 2018 Letter from JFK Law corporation to CEAA, dated June 15, 2018</p> <p>October 29, 2018 Blood Tribe/Kainai Government Open House</p>	<p>Economic opportunities</p>	<p>Request for job fair and for employment opportunities for members of the Blood Tribe/Kainai.</p> <p>Establish ASAP the following: who will be employed in the development of the proposed project, what community benefits will be available, and what steps will be taken to address and accommodate future impacts to Blood Tribe/Kainai interests.</p> <p>The Proponent should consult with Blood Tribe/Kainai regarding the establishment of employment targets for Blood Tribe/Kainai community members and the development of a plan to meet those targets.</p> <p>As part of its employment plan, the Proponent should consult with Blood Tribe/Kainai regarding potential support for educational, training, and apprenticeship programs that could facilitate the employment of Blood Tribe/Kainai community members, and especially young people.</p> <p>The Proponent should consult with Blood Tribe/Kainai regarding businesses in the community and potential business and contracting opportunities in relation to the Project. Where possible the Proponent and Blood Tribe/Kainai should attempt to identify opportunities for Direct Negotiated Contracts with Blood Tribe/Kainai businesses.</p> <p>Employment opportunities during construction.</p>	<p>On March 23, 2018, Alberta Transportation sent detailed responses to specific concerns raised to date by providing a copy of <i>Table 7-7 SR1 Project Specific Concerns and Responses - Kainai First Nation</i> from the March 2018 EIA: If the Project is approved, Alberta Transportation will follow government procurement policies and procedure with respect to labor, and goods and services. Alberta Transportation is willing to discuss possible economic opportunities with the Blood Tribe/Kainai.</p> <p>At the open house held on October 29, 2018, Alberta Transportation indicated they are willing to discuss possible economic opportunities with the Blood Tribe/Kainai.</p>	
<p>November 25, 2014 Initial SR1 Meeting held with Mike Oka, Blood Tribe/Kainai Consultation Coordinator, Stand Off Alberta.</p> <p>September 15, 2016 Alberta Transportation meeting with the Blood Tribe/Kainai, Piikani Nation, and Siksika Nation at Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump</p> <p>March 13, 2017 The Blood Tribe/Kainai delivered a Joint Interim Traditional Use Report that was co-authored with the Siksika Nation</p> <p>June 25, 2018 Letter from JFK Law corporation to CEAA, dated June 15, 2018</p>	<p>Monitoring Historical Resources Employment Communication</p>	<p>The Blood Tribe/Kainai requested that they be allowed to have monitors on site throughout SR1 construction.</p> <p>Blood Tribe/Kainai requested front line monitors be present throughout the SR-1 construction.</p> <p>Request for on-site monitors during construction.</p> <p>The Proponent should work with Blood Tribe/Kainai in the design and implementation of environmental monitoring. As part of environmental monitoring, the Proponent should consult with Blood Tribe/Kainai to discuss the possibility of training, employment, and contracting opportunities for Blood Tribe/Kainai.</p> <p>As part of its environmental monitoring plan, the Proponent and Blood Tribe/Kainai should develop a joint communications plan for the presentation of environmental monitoring results to the community and the incorporation of community feedback.</p>	<p>On March 23, 2018, Alberta Transportation sent detailed responses to specific concerns raised to date by providing a copy of <i>Table 7-7 SR1 Project Specific Concerns and Responses - Kainai First Nation</i> from the March 2018 EIA: If the Project is approved, Alberta Transportation is willing to discuss possible monitoring opportunities with the Blood Tribe/Kainai.</p>	

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June 25, 2018 Letter from JFK Law corporation to CEAA, dated June 15, 2018	Reclamation	In the event that the Project is to be decommissioned, the Proponent should consult with Blood Tribe/Kainai regarding the design, implementation, and monitoring of its Reclamation Plan to maximize the use of Blood Tribe/Kainai Traditional Ecological Knowledge and support Blood Tribe/Blood Tribe/Kainai employment in the reclamation process.	None at this time.	
June 25, 2018 Letter from JFK Law corporation to CEAA, dated June 15, 2018	Communication plan	The Proponent should work with Blood Tribe/Kainai in the development of a communications plan for flood and post-flood operations.	None at this time.	
June 15, 2018 Piikani Nation Statement of Concern Springbank off-Stream Reservoir Project June 2018. June 15, 2018 Piikani Nation Technical Review of Alberta Transportation Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project Environmental Impact Study, prepared by Schaldemose & Associates Inc., dated June 2018. September 18-19, 2018 Meetings between Alberta Transportation, Stantec, and Piikani Nation	Seeding Reclamation Consultation Traditional land use	Alberta Transportation should collaborate with Indigenous communities to ensure that the seed mix (and revegetation plan more generally) includes species of importance to the Piikani Nation and other Indigenous communities. It is necessary that Alberta Transportation engages affected Indigenous communities when developing reclamation monitoring plans to help define meaningful monitoring criteria and indicators for traditional land use objectives and targets including planning for biodiversity potential to support traditional land uses on the post-reclamation landscape. Alberta Transportation should provide a more detailed reclamation plan that outlines how revegetation efforts will mitigate wildlife habitat loss and develop a detailed reclamation plan in collaboration with members of Piikani and other Indigenous communities. Concerned that the Project's revegetation measures did not address species of importance to Indigenous people. Request collaboration with Piikani Nation to develop a revegetation plan and seed mix. Requests only plant species native to region are used in revegetation program. Request discussion of availability of vegetation, fish and wildlife species for food, traditional medicinal and cultural purposes in the LAA and RAA in the conservation and reclamation plan. Piikani Nation would like the opportunity to provide input on reclamation/seed mixes.	At the meetings held on September 18-19, 2018, Alberta Transportation committed to discussing the opportunity for Piikani Nation to be involved in reclamation.	
September 18-19, 2018 Meetings between Alberta Transportation, Stantec, and Piikani Nation	Economic opportunities	Opportunities for Piikani Nation to purchase excess Crown land.	At the meetings held on September 18-19, 2018, Alberta Transportation committed to reviewing the process for selling and purchasing the excess Crown land and bringing that information back to Piikani Nation.	

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September 18-19, 2018 Meetings between Alberta Transportation, Stantec, and Piikani Nation	Educational programs	Piikani Nation would like there to be education and cultural awareness programs, programs for youth.	At the meetings held on September 18-19, 2018, Alberta Transportation discussed cultural awareness programs with the Piikani Nation and committed to more discussions on the topic.	
June 15, 2018 Piikani Nation Technical Review of Alberta Transportation Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project Environmental Impact Study, prepared by Schaldemose & Associates Inc., dated June 2018.	Monitoring	Concerned that monitoring will not include Indigenous communities and requests Alberta Transportation provide opportunities and financial capacity for communities to meaningfully participate in the planning and implementation of monitoring.	On March 23, 2018, Alberta Transportation sent detailed responses to specific concerns raised to date by providing a copy of <i>Table 7-6 SR1 Project Specific Concerns and Responses - Piikani Nation</i> from the March 2018 EIA: If the Project is approved, AT is willing to discuss possible monitoring opportunities with the Piikani First Nation. At the meeting held on December 17, 2018, Alberta Transportation stated their willingness to discuss monitoring programs, and that this was a discussion they were also having with Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) (the eventual owner and operator of SR1).	
September 15, 2016 Alberta Transportation meeting with the Piikani Nation, Blood Tribe/Kainai, and Siksika Nation at Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump June 15, 2018 Piikani Nation Statement of Concern Springbank off-Stream Reservoir Project June 2018. June 15, 2018 Piikani Nation Technical Review of Alberta Transportation Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project Environmental Impact Study, prepared by Schaldemose & Associates Inc., dated June 2018. December 17, 2018 Meeting between Alberta Transportation, Stantec, and Piikani Nation	Historic Resources Monitoring	Piikani Nation requested front line monitors be present throughout the SR-1 construction. Alberta Transportation should include the Piikani Nation in discussions with ACT related to further investigations of identified sites; present the results once all Baseline information is collected; and provide an opportunity to monitor construction activities near known cultural resources including the flats north of the berm location, the bottom of the Elbow riverbed and on a tributary creek channel off the Elbow River. Request opportunity to monitor construction activities near known cultural resources. The Piikani Nation would like to have monitors on site during construction and after a flood to see if any sites are unearthed.	On March 23, 2018, Alberta Transportation sent detailed responses to specific concerns raised to date by providing a copy of <i>Table 7-6 SR1 Project Specific Concerns and Responses - Piikani Nation</i> from the March 2018 EIA: If the Project is approved, Alberta Transportation is willing to discuss possible monitoring opportunities with the Piikani First Nation. At the meetings held on September 18-19, 2018, Alberta Transportation discussed that there will be monitoring opportunities throughout the phases of the Project. At the meeting held on December 17, 2018, Alberta Transportation stated their willingness to discuss monitoring programs, and that this was a discussion they were also having with Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) (the eventual owner and operator of SR1).	
June 15, 2018 Piikani Nation Statement of Concern Springbank off-Stream Reservoir Project June 2018.	Monitoring Wildlife	Alberta Transportation should provide a more detailed description of its wildlife monitoring program and provide capability for the Piikani Nation to participate in the monitoring program.	None at this time.	

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<p>June 15, 2018 Piikani Nation Technical Review of Alberta Transportation Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project Environmental Impact Study, prepared by Schaldemose & Associates Inc., dated June 2018.</p>	<p>Soil Land use Monitoring</p>	<p>Concerned that there has been no discussion on how changes to terrain and soil might impact Indigenous land use.</p> <p>Requests a monitoring plan be developed with Piikani Nation to monitor impacts to soil conditions.</p>	<p>None at this time.</p>	
<p>June 15, 2018 Piikani Nation Statement of Concern Springbank off-Stream Reservoir Project June 2018.</p> <p>June 15, 2018 Piikani Nation Technical Review of Alberta Transportation Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project Environmental Impact Study, prepared by Schaldemose & Associates Inc., dated June 2018.</p>	<p>Plants Fish Wildlife Monitoring</p>	<p>Alberta Transportation should: discuss the availability of vegetation, fish and wildlife species for food, traditional medicinal and cultural purposes in the LSA and RSA in the Conservation and Reclamation plan; develop a monitoring plan with the Piikani to assess Project effects on hunting, trapping, fishing, plant harvesting and cultural use following Project development; develop Project-specific triggers and limits with Piikani for the Project's mitigation, management and monitoring plans that reflect Community TEK and ecological and cultural values; and consider supporting Piikani's cultural retention strategies, including plans to establish community-based monitoring of key cultural species and practices.</p> <p>Request Alberta Transportation considers supporting Piikani Nation's cultural retention strategies, including plans to establish community based monitoring of key cultural species and practices.</p> <p>Request development of monitoring plan with Piikani Nation to assess Project effects on hunting, trapping, fishing, plant harvesting, and cultural use.</p> <p>Request development with Piikani Nation of Project-specific triggers and limits for the Project's mitigation, management, and monitoring plans that reflect community traditional ecological knowledge and cultural values.</p>	<p>At the meeting held on December 17, 2018, Alberta Transportation stated their willingness to discuss monitoring programs, and that this was a discussion they were also having with Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) (the eventual owner and operator of SR1).</p>	

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<p>March 13, 2017 The Siksika Nation delivered an "Interim" Traditional Use Report that was co-authored with the Blood Tribe. April 26, 2018 Meeting between Siksika Nation, Alberta Transportation, and Stantec</p>	<p>Economic Mitigation</p>	<p>Establish ASAP the following: who will be employed in the development of the proposed project, what community benefits will be available, and what steps will be taken to address and accommodate future impacts to Siksika interests. Siksika Nation would like preferred contracting for the contract procurement process.</p>	<p>On March 23, 2018, Alberta Transportation sent detailed responses to specific concerns raised to date by providing a copy of <i>Table 7-5 SR1 Project Specific Concerns and Responses - Siksika Nation</i> from the March 2018 EIA: If the Project is approved, Alberta Transportation will follow government procurement policies and procedure with respect to labor, and goods and services. Alberta Transportation is willing to discuss possible economic opportunities with the Siksika First Nation. On April 26, 2018, Alberta Transportation met with Siksika Nation to review their specific concerns and the responses and proposed mitigation measures in <i>Table 7-5 SR1 Project Specific Concerns and Responses - Siksika Nation</i>.</p>	<p>At the meeting held on April 26, 2018 to discuss concerns and responses, Siksika Nation said they want to be kept up to date on bidding opportunities. They want their archeologist involved. Siksika Nation also stressed the importance of preferred contracts.</p>
<p>August 10, 2016 Site Visit September 15, 2016 Alberta Transportation meeting with the Siksika Nation, Blood Tribe/Kainai, and Piikani Nation at Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump</p>	<p>Historical Resources Monitoring</p>	<p>The Siksika Nation Consultation team expressed an interest in having monitors in place during the construction so that they could observe the work being undertaken and to protect Blackfoot artifacts. Siksika Nation requested front line monitors be present throughout the SR1 construction.</p>	<p>On March 23, 2018, Alberta Transportation sent detailed responses to specific concerns raised to date by providing a copy of <i>Table 7-5 SR1 Project Specific Concerns and Responses - Siksika Nation</i> from the March 2018 EIA: If the Project is approved, Alberta Transportation is willing to discuss possible monitoring opportunities with the Siksika First Nation. On April 26, 2018, Alberta Transportation met with Siksika Nation to review their specific concerns and the responses and proposed mitigation measures in <i>Table 7-5 SR1 Project Specific Concerns and Responses - Siksika Nation</i>. At the meeting held on December 10, 2018, Alberta Transportation expressed their willingness to discuss monitoring opportunities with Siksika Nation.</p>	<p>At the meeting held on April 26, 2018 to discuss concerns and responses, Siksika Nation indicated they would develop a plan for monitoring and present it.</p>
<p>April 26, 2018 Meeting between Siksika Nation, Alberta Transportation, and Stantec</p>	<p>Monitoring</p>	<p>Siksika Nation would like to monitor before and after a flood to understand what is growing in the Project area. Some plants may not grow back. Do not want to over harvest. Transplanting makes sense but would need to assess where suitable habitat is located.</p>	<p>At the meeting held on December 10, 2018, Alberta Transportation expressed their willingness to discuss monitoring opportunities with Siksika Nation.</p>	
<p>February 22, 2019 Meeting between Stoney Nakoda Nations, Alberta Transportation, and Stantec</p>	<p>Stoney Nakoda Nation is interested in participating in monitoring programs.</p>	<p>Monitoring</p>	<p>At the meeting held on February 22, 2019, Alberta Transportation committed to continued discussions on monitoring.</p>	

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<p>October 28, 2016 Meeting with the Tsuut'ina Nation Consultation Office, Alberta Transportation, Stantec, and DEMA Land Services</p> <p>August 8, 2018 Meeting between Tsuut'ina Nation, Alberta Transportation, and Stantec</p> <p>September 21, 2018 Meeting between Alberta Transportation, Stantec, and Tsuut'ina Nation</p>	<p>Monitoring</p>	<p>The Tsuut'ina Nation have requested that they be allowed to have their Field Monitors on the SR1 site throughout the construction to ensure that any heritage sites that may be impacted would be respected.</p> <p>Capacity for monitoring for the life cycle of the Project.</p> <p>Tsuut'ina Nation would like to see monitoring before, during, and after construction.</p>	<p>On March 23, 2018, Alberta Transportation sent detailed responses to specific concerns raised to date by providing a copy of <i>Table 7-3 SR1 Project Specific Concerns and Responses - Tsuut'ina Nation</i> from the March 2018 EIA: Alberta Transportation is willing to discuss possible monitoring opportunities with the Tsuut'ina Nation.</p> <p>At the meetings held on September 21, 2018 and October 11, 2018, Alberta Transportation discussed that they would like to build a long term monitoring plan with Tsuut'ina Nation, and asked for them to think about how they would like to be involved.</p> <p>At the meeting held on October 11, 2018, historical resources and possible mitigation measures, including following ACT's requirements, monitoring opportunities, using TUS report information, and the potential for more excavation per ACT's direction, were discussed. Monitoring during construction and post-flood was presented as a possible mitigation measure.</p> <p>On November 23, 2018, Alberta Transportation provided its report, <i>Response to Tsuut'ina Nation Traditional Land and Resource Use Information including Mitigation Table</i>. Alberta Transportation will participate in discussions regarding possible monitoring opportunities. Alberta Transportation also met with Tsuut'ina Nation December 6, 2018 to discuss the response and mitigation table.</p>	<p>At the meetings held on May 14-15, 2018, Tsuut'ina Nation requested information on the process that will occur in the event that a rock cairn, burial, or other significant find is found. Alberta Transportation noted that a protocol regarding site encounters should be established. Tsuut'ina Nation noted that this could potentially form part of a monitoring plan. Tsuut'ina Nation recommended that a monitoring plan be established with ACT.</p>
<p>April 3, 2018 <i>Draft Tsuut'ina Traditional Land Use Report for the Proposed Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project</i> prepared by Trailmark Systems Inc.</p>	<p>Monitors Vegetation Community-based water monitoring</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION: Tsuut'ina is strongly against project proceeding. If it does, Tsuut'ina requires, at minimum: Tsuut'ina monitors on-site during pre-construction and construction phases; for every tree removed, same type of tree should be replanted by First Nations close to where it was removed; and support for Tsuut'ina to develop their own community-based water monitoring program.</p>	<p>On March 23, 2018, Alberta Transportation sent detailed responses to specific concerns raised to date by providing a copy of <i>Table 7-3 SR1 Project Specific Concerns and Responses - Tsuut'ina Nation</i> from the March 2018 EIA: Alberta Transportation is willing to discuss possible monitoring opportunities with the Tsuut'ina Nation.</p> <p>At the meetings held on September 21, 2018 and October 11, 2018, Alberta Transportation discussed that they would like to build a long term monitoring plan with Tsuut'ina Nation, and asked for them to think about how they would like to be involved.</p> <p>At the meeting held on October 11, 2018, monitoring during construction and post-flood was presented as a possible mitigation measure for historical resources.</p> <p>On November 23, 2018, Alberta Transportation provided its report, <i>Response to Tsuut'ina Nation Traditional Land and Resource Use Information including Mitigation Table</i>. In the mitigation table, Alberta Transportation provided the mitigation measures proposed in the EIA. To maintain the integrity of permanent structures, trees will not be permitted to grow on the diversion system, the diversion channel, or the dam structure. Temporary work spaces will be reclaimed incorporating input on native species to be used for reclamation from Tsuut'ina Nation and other Indigenous groups. Alberta Transportation will discuss possible monitoring opportunities with Tsuut'ina Nation and other Indigenous groups. Alberta Transportation also met with Tsuut'ina Nation December 6, 2018 to discuss the response and mitigation table.</p>	<p>None at this time.</p>

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<p>May 14-15, 2018 Meeting between Tsuut'ina Nation, Alberta Transportation, and Stantec to discuss Tsuut'ina Nation's specific concerns and Alberta Transportation's responses and proposed mitigation.</p>	<p>Climate change Monitoring Cumulative effects</p>	<p>Tsuut'ina Nation recommended that a work plan be established to consider resource revenue sharing, cumulative effects, climate change, construction monitoring, and long-term monitoring (for the life of the Project).</p>	<p>At the meetings held on May 14-15, 2018, Alberta Transportation expressed their willingness to discuss monitoring, and to work together on a plan to move forward. At the meetings held on September 21, 2018 and October 11, 2018, Alberta Transportation discussed that they would like to build a long term monitoring plan with Tsuut'ina Nation, and asked for them to think about how they would like to be involved. On November 23, 2018, Alberta Transportation provided its report, <i>Response to Tsuut'ina Nation Traditional Land and Resource Use Information including Mitigation Table</i>. Alberta Transportation will participate in discussions regarding possible monitoring opportunities. Alberta Transportation also met with Tsuut'ina Nation December 6, 2018 to discuss the response and mitigation table.</p>	<p>None at this time.</p>
<p>September 21, 2018 Meeting between Alberta Transportation, Stantec, and Tsuut'ina Nation</p>	<p>Post-flood clean-up</p>	<p>Tsuut'ina Nation would like to be involved in managing and co-managing the post-flood clean-up.</p>	<p>None at this time.</p>	<p>None at this time.</p>
<p>April 3, 2018 <i>Draft Tsuut'ina Traditional Land Use Report for the Proposed Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project</i> prepared by Trailmark Systems Inc.</p>	<p>Tsuut'ina Nation economic opportunities</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION: Members of Tsuut'ina should be field crew for all archaeological and other field work.</p>	<p>On November 23, 2018, Alberta Transportation provided its report, <i>Response to Tsuut'ina Nation Traditional Land and Resource Use Information including Mitigation Table</i>. In the mitigation table, Alberta Transportation provided the mitigation measures proposed in the EIA for monitoring and employment opportunities. Alberta Transportation will commit to a requirement for contractors to employ qualified Indigenous field assistants on archaeological fieldwork. Alberta Transportation will discuss opportunities for qualified Indigenous field assistants to participate on other project-related fieldwork as practical. Alberta Transportation also met with Tsuut'ina Nation December 6, 2018 to discuss the response and mitigation table.</p>	
<p>June 25, 2018 <i>Springbank Offstream Reservoir Project EIS Technical Review and Information Requests</i> by PGL Environmental Consultants, dated June 15, 2018.</p>	<p>Monitoring Vegetation Wetlands</p>	<p>Confirm if a monitoring plan for post-construction and post-flood conditions will be developed to monitor reclaimed areas (vegetation and wetlands).</p>	<p>None at this time.</p>	

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<p>June 25, 2018 <i>Ermineskin Cree Nation Traditional Knowledge and Use Study: Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project</i> by Willow Springs Strategic Solutions, dated June 2018. (TKU study)</p>	<p>Monitoring</p>	<p>Recommendation: Alberta Transportation should work with Ermineskin Cree Nation in the design and implementation of environmental monitoring. As part of environmental monitoring, Alberta Transportation should engage with Ermineskin Cree Nation to discuss the possibility of training, employment, and contracting opportunities for Ermineskin Cree Nation.</p> <p>Recommendation: As part of its environmental monitoring plan, Alberta Transportation and Ermineskin Cree Nation should develop a joint communications plan for the presentation of environmental monitoring results to the community and the incorporation of community feedback.</p>	<p>None at this time.</p>	
<p>June 26, 2018 Meeting between Ermineskin Cree Nation, Alberta Transportation, and Stantec.</p>	<p>Reclamation</p>	<p>Ermineskin Cree Nation would like to be involved in reclamation should the Project proceed and a flood take place.</p>	<p>None at this time.</p>	
<p>June 25, 2018 <i>Ermineskin Cree Nation Traditional Knowledge and Use Study: Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project</i> by Willow Springs Strategic Solutions, dated June 2018. (TKU study)</p>	<p>Socio-economic Employment</p>	<p>That without clear targets for Ermineskin Cree Nation employment and contracting and a clear work plan to meet potential targets, Ermineskin Cree Nation and its members will be largely excluded from the potential socio-economic benefits of the Project.</p> <p>That the significant obstacles to employment for Ermineskin Cree Nation members, particularly with respect to education, experience, and culture, with impede the ability of Ermineskin Cree Nation members to benefit from the Project.</p> <p>That Ermineskin Cree Nation members employed on the Project could be subjected to discriminatory treatment and insensitive attitudes from supervisors and/or contractors, which could result in psychological harm and lower retention rates, among other potential effects.</p> <p>Recommendation: Alberta Transportation should engage with Ermineskin Cree Nation regarding the establishment of employment targets for Ermineskin Cree Nation community members and the development of a plan to meet those targets.</p> <p>As part its employment plan, Alberta Transportation should engage with Ermineskin Cree Nation regarding potential support for educational, training, and apprenticeship programs that could facilitate the employment of Ermineskin Cree Nation community members, and especially young people.</p> <p>Alberta Transportation should engage with Ermineskin Cree Nation regarding businesses in the community and potential business and contracting opportunities in relation to the Project. Where possible the Proponent and Ermineskin Cree Nation should attempt to identify opportunities for Direct Negotiated Contracts with Ermineskin Cree Nation businesses.</p>	<p>None at this time.</p>	

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June 25, 2018 <i>Ermineskin Cree Nation Traditional Knowledge and Use Study: Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project</i> by Willow Springs Strategic Solutions, dated June 2018. (TKU study)	Communication	Recommendation: Alberta Transportation should work with Ermineskin Cree Nation in the development of a communications plan for flood and post-flood operations.	None at this time.	
November 22, 2018 Louis Bull Tribe Traditional Land Use Assessment for the proposed Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project.	Monitoring	Louis Bull Tribe requests the opportunity to conduct site visits during and after construction to monitor any culturally significant sites.	None at this time	
November 6, 2018 Meeting between Louis Bull Tribe, Alberta Transportation, and Stantec November 19, 2018 Louis Bull Tribe hosted an open house for their members. Alberta Transportation and DEMA attended. November 22, 2018 Louis Bull Tribe Traditional Land Use Assessment for the proposed Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project.	Economic Opportunities	Louis Bull Tribe would like to be involved in a discussion of economic opportunities regarding the SR1 Project. Members of the Louis Bull Tribe asked about economic and employment opportunities with the SR1 Project. Louis Bull Tribe would like to participate in training, employment, and economic opportunities that may stem from the SR1 Project	At the meeting held on November 6, 2018 and the open house on November 19, 2018, Alberta Transportation committed to continuing discussions on this topic.	

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<p>August 3, 2017 Letter from Marlene Lanz, President of Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3, to Mark Svenson, Alberta Transportation February 22, 2018 Workshop with Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3, Alberta Transportation, CEAA, and Stantec.</p>	<p>Historical Resources</p>	<p>Concerns expressed that the SR1 project would disrupt potential homesteads, cart trails, historic use areas, and/or buried Métis sites. Concerns about artifacts, cart trails, and other cultural sites being identified and then reburied and not identified as Métis.</p>	<p>On March 23, 2018, Alberta Transportation sent detailed responses to specific concerns raised to date by providing a copy of Table 7-12 SR1 Project Specific Concerns and Responses – Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3 (Table 7-12) from the March 2018 EIA. On May 23, 2018, Alberta Transportation met with Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3 to review their specific concerns and the responses and proposed mitigation measures in Table 7-12: Project activities within the project development area would disturb 11 precontact period and 11 historic period archaeological sites. No traditional land use sites of very high heritage value, such as spiritual sites or human burials have been identified within the project development area. Identified sites include isolated finds, artifact scatters, campsites and historic remains such as homesteads and a school. Effects to historical resources are detailed in the EIA, Volume 3A and 3B, section 13.</p> <p>ACT independently assesses the heritage value of historic resources, determines the need for, and scope of, any avoidance or mitigation measures, and issues Project approval under the Historical Resources Act. If the Project is approved Alberta Transportation will follow all the requirements for the protection of historic resources as determined by ACT.</p> <p>On May 23, 2018 Alberta Transportation met the Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3 to review their specific concerns and the responses and proposed mitigation measures in <i>Table 7-12 SR1 Project Specific Concerns and Responses – Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3</i>.</p> <p>At the meeting held on May 23, 2018, Alberta Transportation stated the commitment in the EIA that Alberta Transportation will participate in monitoring discussions with Indigenous groups.</p>	<p>At the meeting held on May 23, 2018, Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3 stated that there is potential for historical Métis use of the cabins or homesteads identified in the EIA and noted that there will be a lot of earth disturbed during Project construction.</p> <p>Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3 recommended that during construction, Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3 would like to monitor or be contacted in the event that historic period artifacts are encountered.</p> <p>Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3 requested to be involved in developing mitigation for the sites that may be encountered or disturbed.</p> <p>Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3 recommended that during drawdown following a flood event, the reservoir be monitored for any potential newly exposed heritage resources.</p>
<p>June 27, 2018 Meeting between Montana First Nation and Alberta Transportation.</p>	<p>Mitigation Compensation</p>	<p>Questioned what the mechanism is for dealing with aspects that cannot be mitigated. Recommended compensation and economic opportunities.</p>	<p>At the meeting held on June 27, 2018, Alberta Transportation responded that they have committed to exploring economic opportunities with Indigenous groups, but cannot move forward on that until the project is approved.</p>	
<p>November 29, 2016 Meeting between Alberta Transportation and Samson Cree Nation.</p>	<p>Economic opportunities</p>	<p>Inquired if the project would create First Nation jobs.</p>	<p>At the meeting held on November 29, 2016, Alberta, Alberta Transportation indicated there is potential for the project to create First Nation jobs but nothing would be decided until the project is approved.</p>	