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South Dakota To Host Tribal Consultation On Good Earth State Park

PIERRE, S.D. – A consultation meeting with Native American tribes from several states on development and interpretation of Good Earth State Park at Blood Run in Lincoln County, South Dakota, will be held on Monday, April 8.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard signed Senate Bill 186 on March 21, 2013, establishing South Dakota's 13th state park. The park was named Good Earth as a result of recommendations from regional tribes and tribes in Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma with cultural ties to the Blood Run area.

Good Earth State Park is a place of great cultural, spiritual, and historical significance that is now capable of being protected and interpreted for the public.

To aide in that effort, the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks; the Department of Tribal Relations; and the State Historical Preservation Office have scheduled a tribal consultation meeting from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CDT on April 8 at the Ramkota Best Western Hotel and Conference Center in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Tribes are invited to attend the meeting and participate as the State of South Dakota makes plans for the park. The State is seeking ongoing tribal government participation in completing a Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP) survey for Good Earth State Park at Blood Run and in developing interpretive programs and materials.