



# CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE



## Nationally Significant Federal Lands & Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) 2023 Request

The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe is requesting support in the amount of approximately \$18 million for completion of the Project

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## BIA 12 CHERRY CREEK TO HWY 63 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

### Problem

BIA 12 is located on the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal reservation. It provides access to Hwy 63, which connects to the community of Eagle Butte, approximately 40 miles away. BIA 12 to Hwy 63 is approximately 18 miles in length and is the primary connecting roadway for the community of Cherry Creek. Cherry Creek is a small isolated community (population 282). There are no shopping or health services and very limited employment opportunities in the community, resulting in residents traveling regularly to Eagle Butte for essential services, amenities, and employment.

The BIA 12 roadway is currently a gravel road in poor and deteriorating condition. It has experienced several gravel and mud slides that have caused, at best, unsafe roadway conditions and, at worst, partial closure of the roadway, resulting in the inability of Chery Creek residents to access critical services.

### Solution

The proposed Project includes paving the roadway, creating 12-foot driving lanes and 2-foot shoulders. Additional safety features include slope flattening, installation of guardrails on bridges and in other high-risk areas, and inclusion of both center and side rumble strips. Completion of the Project will provide year-round, all-weather access, ensuring the safety of travelers and critical accessibility and connectivity for the residents of Cherry Creek to essential services in Eagle Butte.

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## Project Alignment with NSFLTP Priorities

The BIA 12 Cherry Creek to Eagle Butte Improvement Project will result in significant safety and connectivity benefits, as well as improving state of good repair and ensuring access to essential services and employment opportunities.



### Safety, State of Good Repair, Economic Competitiveness & Quality of Life:

- The Project addresses DOT priorities, addressing safety concerns and state of good repair issues. Reconstruction of the roadway will ensure critical access to essential services, amenities, and employment opportunities, increasing quality of life and providing employment opportunities.



### Condition of Transportation Facilities

- BIA 12 is a critical access road between Cherry Creek and Eagle Butte. The Project addresses the existing poor condition of the roadway.



### Construction or Reconstruction

- The Project will reconstruct 18 miles of existing gravel roadway, converting to paved roadway and including several additional safety and resiliency features.



### Match Contribution

- The Tribe is providing 10 percent match toward the Project.



### National Register of Historic Places

- Although BIA 12 is not eligible, the town of Cherry Creek is one of the oldest established sites on the Reservation and is home to multiple cultural sites/areas.



### Supported by other Funds

- Tribal Transportation Program funds will be utilized for match and, in conjunction with DOI funds, for maintenance of the road following completion of construction.