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TO: Chairman Small and Members of the State-Tribal Relations
Committee
FROM: Joan K. Duffield, Rosebud County Clerk and Recorder/Elections
Administrator
SUBJECT: Primary Election
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I am happy to report that the Mail Ballot Primary Election went very well in Rosebud County.

The voter turnout in Precinct 15 which is the Lame Deer District was 20%. In the last two Federal Primary Elections, 2016 and 2018, the voter turnout was 11% and 10% respectively.

Since we did not have the Alternative Election Office in Lame Deer at all during this Covid 19 crisis, we had a box at the Flower Grinder where residents could pick up and return voter registration cards and Ed Joiner, County Commissioner brought those cards to my office daily, so that we could send Ballots out to any new registrants.

It was very helpful to have the Close of Registration one week prior to Election instead of 30 days which enabled us to send Ballots out without requiring residents to come in to the Courthouse. That helped tremendously to get newly registered voters sent ballots prior to Election Day.

We also posted on Ed Joiner, County Commissioner, Face Book page any Names of persons whose Ballots were returned to us as undeliverable so they contacted him with updated addresses or let us know if they had moved.

Since the BIPA, (Ballot Interference Prevention Act) was not in effect for this Election as a result of a lawsuit, we were able to collect ballots on Election day and the Sheriff went and picked them up. However, we only received 17 Ballot that way.

We had about 5 Residents from Lane Deer come up to the Courthouse and Vote on Election day.

So all in all , the Ballots were returned by Mail and the Voter turn out was higher than normal.

I plan to attend your Zoom Meeting on the 26th and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.