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To Whom It May Concern:

NorthWestern Energy has been a proud sponsor of shooting events and demonstrations that the Dakota Territory Rangers (DTR) Cowboy Fast Draw Club has produced. As a community-minded utility in South Dakota, Nebraska and Montana we look for opportunities to co-op financially with positive organizations that are making a difference in their communities.

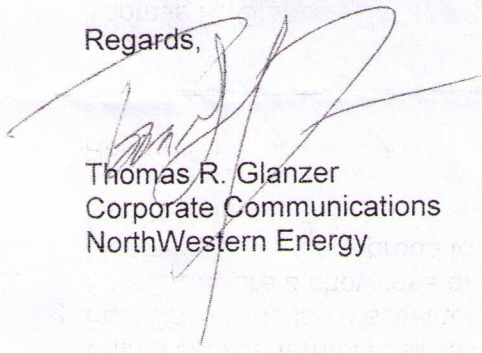
The DTR's presence at a local Outdoor Expo was our first sponsorship event with their group. We monitored our signage, location, public involvement with their booth, and of course the safety of the interactive shooting range. The overwhelming response to their booth was worth our financial investment.

With the professionalism of the DTR, the success of the shooting range and the public interest windfall that occurred during and after the Outdoor Expo we actually looked for another opportunity to be involved with the group's outreach events.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> sponsorship we worked out with DTR was during the South Dakota State Fair, where a similar interactive shooting range enabled fairgoers with the opportunity to try their hand at Cowboy Fast Draw shooting in a safe, controlled environment.

With a service territory that is rich in Old West Tradition the Dakota Territory Ranger Cowboy Fast Draw Club is an asset to our communities and state's heritage. Gun sports, like Cowboy Fast Draw, are a showcase of our outdoor enthusiasm in South Dakota, Nebraska and Montana, and we are proud to be a small part of what the Dakota Territory Rangers are doing for shooting sports in the Upper Midwest.

Regards,



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