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**Subject:** Update to Consulting Parties on TMT Section 106 consultation

**Date:** Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 3:56:42 PM Eastern Daylight Time

**From:** TMT Consulting Parties Mailbox

Greetings Consulting Parties,

We are writing to provide you with an update on the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 consultation regarding a potential future NSF investment in the construction and operation of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT). We are committed to a culturally appropriate Section 106 process that incorporates Hawaiian perspectives. We recognize that, due to our efforts to develop a more inclusive and meaningful process, there has been a delay.

Since December, we have been gathering responses from consulting parties and responding to requests, which continue to come in; at this time, we have 425 consulting parties confirmed. We have also been seeking a facilitator who can help us conduct our first two series of Section 106 meetings; it has taken time to identify an appropriate facilitator for this crucial role.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

The NSF Environmental Review Team (Luca Rizzi, Caroline Blanco, and Kristen Hamilton)