



Re: [WARNING - NOT VIRUS SCANNED] Re: STB Comments: Revised PMRE 2011 Survey Report

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03/29/2012 07:16 PM

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Thanks Cathy. We have a couple more changes that are arising based on final design, including the need for an access road to facilitate construction and future operations near the new bridge over the Little Susitna River. I was on the verge of drafting another APE modification request letter. We discussed these changes during our Working Group meeting yesterday, and Doug Gasek with the SHPO office provided some useful insight that we would like you to consider.

The recently approved changes to the APE and the changes we are currently considering may not need to be addressed as modifications of the APE. Although they are outside the APE for direct effects, they are fully within the APE for indirect effects, so the overall APE boundary is not affected. The only change is that these new areas would have direct effects rather than indirect effects. As such, a request for modification and approval of the APE may not be necessary. Perhaps we could handle situations like this with a letter of notification to STB and SHPO of the change in designation from indirect to direct effects. We would address the need for cultural resource surveys in any new areas that would have direct effects in accordance with the PA, MOU, and our December 30, 2011 letter regarding the final APE. These areas would require cultural resource surveys if they are in areas of moderate or high probability, and selected areas of low probability would also be surveyed. In the annual report, we would provide updated APE maps that incorporate the new areas of direct effects.

Let me know what you think of this approach. Both Doug and I would be happy to discuss it with you. Thanks,

Barb

>>> <Catherine.Glidden@stb.dot.gov> 3/29/2012 5:21 AM >>>
Hi Barbara,

The STB also has no concerns regarding the APE modification.

-Cathy

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> Hi Cathy,
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> We got the attached letter from SHPO regarding the new APE. Will we
> be getting any comments or approval notification from STB. Thanks, Barb
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> >>> <Catherine.Glidden@stb.dot.gov> 3/19/2012 4:57 AM >>>
> Hi Barbara,
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> I need to wait until I hear from the SHPO regarding the draft
> Implementation Plan and APE modification letter. I have very few
> comments, but the SHPO is more familiar with this aspect of the
> project. I will try to contact Shina today and see what, if any,
> comments she has. It looks as though the new APE will have fewer
> impacts overall though.
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> As far as communication is concerned: I think if you keep me in
> the loop regarding your plans for the project, we'll be fine. Feel
> free to call me at the number below anytime regarding any questions
> or concerns you may have!
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> Thanks again for the nice revision!
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> All the best,
> Cathy
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> > Thanks Cathy. We appreciate the positive feedback. Clearly, this
> > is the report we should have provided the first time. Once we get
> > SHPO's comments, we will make the necessary revisions and send the
> > final report out to the various parties. I expect the 2012 field
> > work and reporting to go more smoothly.
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> > Let me know if you have any questions as you review the draft
> > Implementation Plan and the APE modification letter -- I would be
> > happy to set up a conference call if you would like to discuss any
> > items in advance of providing formal comments. At some point, you
> > and I should discuss how we can do a better job of coordinating with
> > you so you will have a better sense of what we have been doing and
> > what is coming your way. Thanks again, Barb
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> > >>> <Catherine.Glidden@stb.dot.gov> 3/13/2012 6:32 AM >>>
> > Hi Barbara,
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> > I have completed my review of the revised PMRE Survey Report.
> > Overall, I find that the report is much better and I have very few
> > comments this time around. Thanks so much for doing such a great
> > job on the revision.
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> > My only major comment pertains to your future plans for further
> > documentation of Site TYO-00276. I do not think it is necessary to
> > contribute resources toward additional documentation of the site.
> > This would only be necessary if you intend to use the Haul Road and/
> > or cause an adverse effect to the resource. Otherwise, assuming
> > eligibility should be sufficient as long as the site is in no way
> > impacted by the construction project.
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> > Also, if any additional documentation is conducted at the site, both
> > the STB and SHPO would need to be consulted in this effort (see page 17).
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> > In addition to the above, I would suggest defining "modern" in thereport.
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> > Thanks again!
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> > -Cathy
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> > > The pdf of the revised 2011 Survey Report, which includes the
> > > appendices, is attached.
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