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From: Section106 <Section106@mcn-nsn.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 2:25 PM
To: Wood, Diana
Subject: RE: STB Finance Docket No. 36095, Palmetto Railways-Construction and Operation Exemption-in Berkeley County, South Carolina; Preliminary Consultation

Ms. Wood,

Thank you for contacting the Muscogee (Creek) Nation concerning the Palmetto Railways-Construction and Operation Exemption in Berkeley County, South Carolina. I apologize for only now replying back to you concerning the project. This project is located within our historic area of interest and is of importance to us. After reviewing the material provided, and noting that no archaeological sites were noted during the phase I testing of the rail line, it has been determined that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has no objections to the proposed project. Please consider this letter as our concurrence to your request and findings of **no historic or traditional cultural properties affected**. However, should cultural material (i.e. pottery sherds, bricks, historic ceramics, glass, projectile points, debitage, etc.) or human remains be encountered during ground disturbance, construction or demolition, we request to be notified. Also, if there are any additional updates, we ask to be informed of these. Should further information or comment be needed, please do not hesitate to contact me at (918) 732-7852 or by email at lwendt@mcn-nsn.gov.

Regards,
LeeAnne Wendt

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Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 11:53 AM
To: LeeAnne Wendt; Section106
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From: Wood, Diana
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Dear Ms. Wendt:

The attached cultural report was sent back to me undeliverable due to its large size. I'm resending the document in 4 different parts.

Thanks
Diana

From: Wood, Diana
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 11:19 AM
To: 'LeeAnne Wendt' <LWendt@mcn-nsn.gov>; 'Section106' <Section106@mcn-nsn.gov>
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Dear Ms. Wendt:

Thank you so much for your response. We have not conducted our own cultural survey of the project area, but here is the survey that HDR prepared for Palmetto. We are beginning the consultation process with the SC SHPO and are currently in the process of verifying Palmetto's environmental report, including the cultural report, but will be conducting our own analysis of the project area and alternatives and will definitely include you in the process.

Here is a copy of the cultural report.

Best,
Diana Wood

From: LeeAnne Wendt [<mailto:LWendt@mcn-nsn.gov>]
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 9:19 AM
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Ms. Wood,

Thank you for contacting the Muscogee (Creek) Nation concerning the above referenced project. This project is located within our historic area of interest and is of importance to us. We appreciate that you are contacting us early on in the process as this aids in getting our concerns to you. First, we would like to state that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation would like to participate in all aspects of the consultation process which includes government-to-government consultation. Please continue to send information concerning the project to us through email, section106@mcn-nsn.gov.

Also, we were wondering if any archaeological surveys had been conducted across the area for the proposed railway construction? Has the South Carolina SHPO been contacted concerning surveys within the area? Our office has to have an archaeological survey of the area to make our determination.

Again, we appreciate being contacted concerning this project. Should further information or comment be needed, please do not hesitate to contact me at (918) 732-7852 or by email at lwendt@mcn-nsn.gov.

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