



IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Horseshoe Bend National Military Park
11288 Horseshoe Bend Road
Daviston, Alabama 36256



4.B.1. (HOBE)

November 14, 2016

Mr. Bill Pearson
Field Supervisor
United States Fish and Wildlife Service
1208-B Main Street
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Dear Mr. Pearson:

We enclose for your review and comment a copy of the environmental assessment (EA) for replacement of the maintenance facility at Horseshoe Bend National Monument in Daviston, Alabama. Two alternatives are analyzed in the EA:

- (1) *Alternative A (no-action/continue current management)* - Under this alternative, the National Park Service (NPS) would not move to replace the existing maintenance building and related structures at Horseshoe Bend.
- (2) *Alternative B (preferred alternative)* - Under this alternative, the NPS would demolish the existing, outdated maintenance building and outbuildings. These structures would be replaced with new, modern structures that meet all applicable building-code and safety requirements.

We previously contacted you about this project by letter dated September 26, 2016. In that letter, we inquired whether the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wished to consult with the NPS Service regarding the maintenance facility replacement. We also indicated our intent to send the draft EA to you for your review and comment as part of the Section 106 process. Accordingly, we would be happy to receive any comments that you might wish to offer on the EA and incorporate them into our final decision documentation.

A 30-day public review period for the EA ends on December 23, 2016.

If you have any questions, I will be available to discuss them with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Barbara Tagger
Superintendent



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No federally listed species/critical habitat are known to occur in the project area. As described, the project will have no significant impact on fish and wildlife resources. IF PROJECT DESIGN CHANGES ARE MADE, PLEASE SUBMIT NEW PLANS FOR REVIEW. We recommend use of best management practices specific to your project (See <http://www.fws.gov/daphne/section7/bmp.html>).

William J. Pearson, Field Supervisor

Date

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December 8, 2016

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Re: AHC 17-0013
Replacement of the maintenance facility at Horseshoe Bend National Military Park
Tallapoosa County

Dear Ms. Tagger:

Upon review of the above-referenced project forwarded by your office, we have determined that project activities will have no effect on any cultural resources listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, we concur with the proposed project activities.

However, should artifacts or archaeological features be encountered during project activities, work shall cease and our office shall be consulted immediately. Artifacts are objects made, used or modified by humans. They include but are not excluded to arrowheads, broken pieces of pottery or glass, stone implements, metal fasteners or tools, etc. Archaeological features are stains in the soil that indicate disturbance by human activity. Some examples are post holes, building foundations, trash pits and even human burials. **This stipulation shall be placed on the construction plans to insure contractors are aware of it.**

We appreciate your commitment to helping us preserve Alabama's historic archaeological and architectural resources. Should you have any questions, please contact Amanda McBride at 334.230.2692 or Amanda.McBride@ahc.alabama.gov. Have the AHC tracking number referenced above available and include it with any future correspondence.

Sincerely,

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Replacement of maintenance facility at HOBE

1 message

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Tue, Dec 27, 2016 at 12:23 PM

To: "Barbara Tagger (barbara_tagger@nps.gov)" <barbara_tagger@nps.gov>, "Tassin, Heather (heather_tassin@nps.gov)" <heather_tassin@nps.gov>

Hello Ms. Tagger,

Thank you for corresponding with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) for replacement of the maintenance facility at HOBE in Daviston, Alabama. Horseshoe Bend National Military Park is an important place for our Tribe and is located within the homelands of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. After reviewing the EA, we agree that Alternative B would have **no effect** to historic properties or any known Muscogee cultural sites. However, due to the historic presence of our people in the area, if cultural material or human remains are encountered during ground disturbance, construction or demolition, we request all work stop and that our office be contacted immediately. 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.

Thank you,

RaeLynn A. Butler

Historic and Cultural Preservation Department, Manager

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