



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

December 27, 2018

TO: Master Files

FROM: JFM John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division *JF Price*

SUBJECT: Job Number 090519
FAP Number STPF-0005(46)
Hwy. 65 & Hwy. 62 Signal (Boone Co.) (S)
Route 65, Section 2 & Route 62, Section 7
Boone County
Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion

The purpose of this project is to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 62 and Highway 65 in Boone County. A concrete driveway will be removed directly across from the intersection. A public hearing will not be offered.

The subject job is covered under the Memorandum of Agreement with the State Historic Preservation Officer executed on June 21, 1999. The job consists of conducting work within a previously disturbed area. All work will be within the existing right of way and does not have the potential to disturb cultural resources.

The official species list obtained through the US Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) website identifies the gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), and the Ozark big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*) as potentially occurring within the proposed project area. A "no effect" determination was made for the federally listed bat species, due to the limited scope of the project, and lack of suitable habitat.

There are no relocations, environmental justice issues, prime farmland, or wetland/stream impacts associated with this job. This project has been determined to generate minimal air quality impacts for Clean Air Act criteria

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pollutants and has not been linked with any special mobile source air toxic (MSAT) concerns.

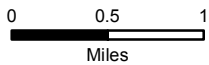
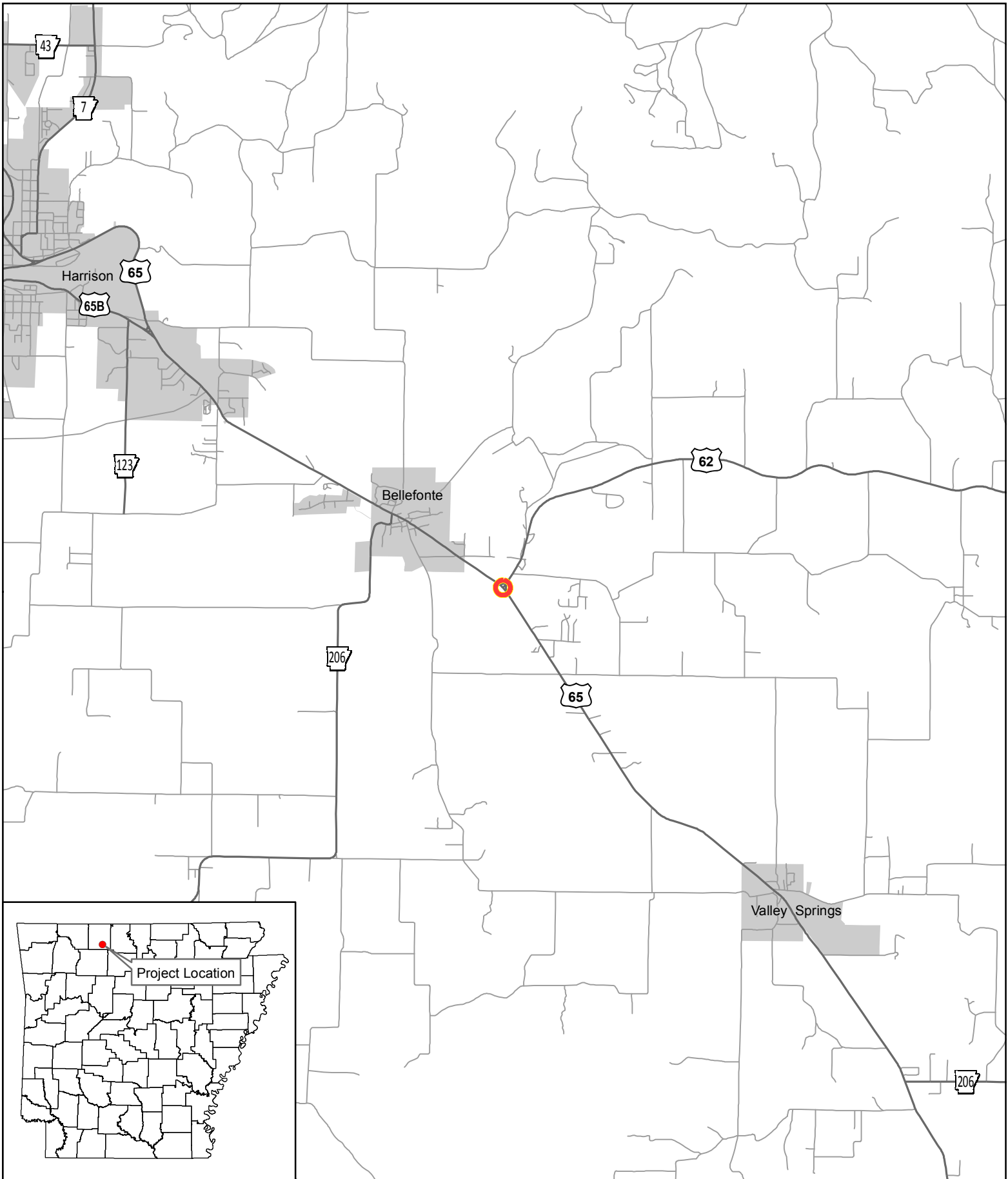
After appropriate environmental review, it has been determined that the subject job is a Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion as described by the ARDOT/FHWA Memorandum of Agreement on Categorical Exclusion Documentation and Processing.

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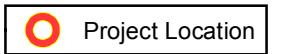
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- Cultural Resources Clearance
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TO: Assessments
C. Scott Smallwood

FROM: Scott Smallwood, Staff Archeologist, Cultural Resources Section

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance
Job Number 090519
Hwy 65 & Hwy. 62 Signal (Boone Co.) (S)
Route 65, Section 2
Route 62, Section 7
Boone County

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) proposes to install a roadway signal at the intersections of Highway 62 and 65 in Boone County. Current project plans indicate that all activity will be confined to the existing right-of-way (ROW). No new ROW will be acquired as a result of this project.

An examination of the Arkansas Archeological Survey's (AAS) and the Department of Arkansas Heritage's Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) records was conducted for previously recorded archeological sites and National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) properties located near the project area. According to these records, no previously recorded archeological sites or historic properties are located within the vicinity of the project area.

The proposed road construction will occur in previously disturbed areas inside the current ROW. As such, this activity does not have the potential to affect any undisturbed land surfaces or potential cultural resources. Therefore, this project is subject to the 1999 MOA and falls under the exempted category "Safety Improvements." This project requires no further work or Section 106 Review.

**ARDOT ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFICATION CHECKLIST
FOR CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS**

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Job Title Hwy. 65 & Hwy. 62 Signal (Boone Co.) (S)

Environmental Resource	None	Minimal	Major	Comments-required for each item
Air Quality	X			No impacts anticipated
Cultural Resources	X			None in project area
Economic	X			Will not be impacted by project
Endangered Species	X			"No effect" determination
Environmental Justice/Title VI	X			No protected populations in project area
Fish and Wildlife	X			No stream or wetland impacts
Floodplains	X			None occur in project area
Forest Service Property	X			None in project area
Hazardous Materials/Landfills	X			No sites in project area
Land Use	X			Will not be impacted by project
Migratory Birds	X			No structures with nests
Navigation/Coast Guard	X			No navigable waterways involved
Noise Levels	X			No increases due to project
Prime Farmland	X			None in project area
Protected Waters	X			None occur in project area
Public Recreation Lands	X			None in project area
Public Water Supply/WHPA	X			No public water supplies in project area
Relocatees	X			No relocations
Section 4(f)/6(f)	X			4f resources not present
Social	X			No impacts to the social environment
Underground Storage Tanks	X			No USTs in project area
Visual	X			No changes to visual environment
Streams	X			None in project area
Water Quality	X			No runoff issues expected
Wetlands	X			None in project area
Wildlife Refuges	X			None in the area

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Required? No
 Short-term Activity Authorization Required? No
 Section 404 Permit Required? No Type _____

Remarks: _____

Signature of Evaluator Sherry LeBlanc Date 12/27/2018