

APPENDIX B

CULTURAL RESOURCES COORDINATION



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Little Rock, AR 72201-3298**



October 23, 2001

IN REPLY REFER TO:
AHTD Job 040266
Springdale Northern Bypass
Benton and Washington
Counties
HDA-AR

Mr. Chad Smith
Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 948
Tahlequah, OK 74056

Dear Chief Smith:

This letter is written in response to the recently revised federal regulations regarding the treatment of cultural resources. According to 36 CFR Part 800.4(a) of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, all Federal agencies are required to consult with pertinent Indian Tribes if an action may affect ancestral lands or properties that may be of religious or cultural significance.

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department is preparing environmental documentation on a proposed project to construct approximately 17 miles of fully controlled access four-lane divided (interstate type) highway. The proposed highway will be on new location connecting U. S. 412 west of Sonora to U. S. 412 west of Tontitown and will serve as a northern bypass of Springdale (see enclosed location map).

At this point a records check of the Arkansas Archeological Survey's site files and the site files on record at the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has been conducted and ten archeological sites have been identified in the project area. Two of these consist of historic farmsteads dating to the 19th and 20th centuries, while eight are prehistoric sites most of which probably date to the Archaic period.

The project also crosses the ten-mile wide corridor designated by the National Park Service as Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. Even though the exact route of the trail in the project area has not been verified, most researchers believe that it more than likely followed what is now known as Old Wire Road, which runs north-south along the eastern edge of our project area. The auto tour route that is currently in use lies to the west of Old Wire Road and runs along Highway 71B through the project area. Our project area will cross both Old Wire Road and Highway 71B. A windshield survey of the project area revealed that the Highway 71B is heavily developed. Old Wire road is currently a two lane paved road that has been upgraded

and improved considerably. It probably bears little resemblance to the route taken by the Cherokee in 1838-1839. None of the archeological sites or historic structures currently on record in the project vicinity can be specifically associated with the route. The trail is signed along Highway 71B but none of the signs are located within the proposed project area. There are also no interpretive sights or pullouts identifying the trail within the project area.

While none of the known archeological sites identified can be attributed to a particular tribe with certainty, we do know that most of northwest Arkansas was claimed as hunting territory by the Osage during the 18th and early 19th centuries. Even though the project area is not considered as traditional ancestral Cherokee homeland, we know that thousands of Cherokee were forced through the area on the Trail of Tears in 1838 and 1839. Thousands were known to have died along the route and many may have been buried near the trail.

At this point in the planning process, an intensive cultural resources survey is planned for all property within the proposed project right of way. We intend to pay particular attention to any sites or old roadbeds that could possibly be associated with the trail and will keep you posted as the project proceeds.

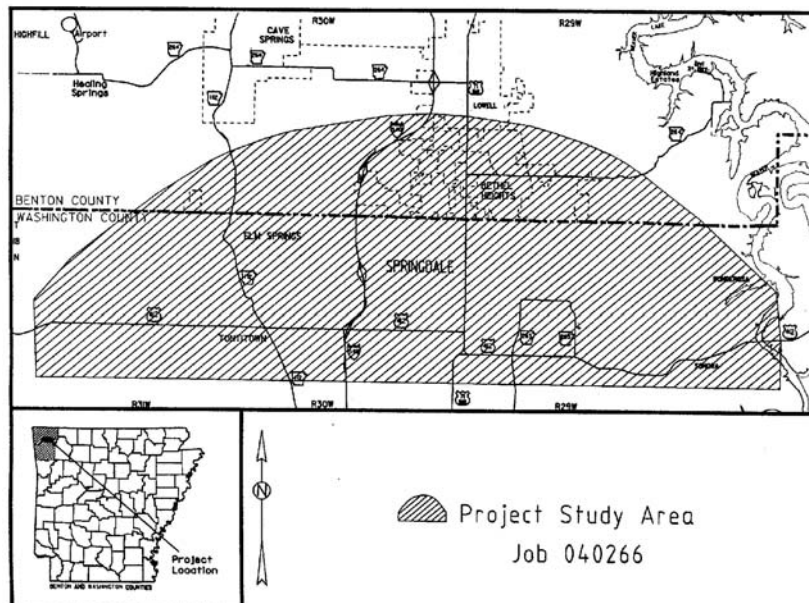
Please review this information and notify us of any constraints or concerns that you may have regarding this undertaking. We would greatly appreciate your input regarding not only this project but also sites or properties in the immediate area that might be of cultural or religious significance to your tribe. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Randal Looney at (501) 324-6430. Should we not hear from you within a period of 30 days, we will proceed with project planning. We will continue to coordinate with you throughout the implementation of the project, and keep you informed of changes or developments as they occur.

Sincerely yours,

Randal E. Looney

SOL Sandra L. Otto
Division Administrator

cc: Mr. Dan Flowers, AHTD, encls





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November 1, 2001

Ms. Sandra L. Otto
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Dear Ms. Otto:

The Cherokee Nation has received your letter dated October 23, 2001 wherein you requested assistance with your site review pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act as amended regarding construction of a proposed highway construction project that you have identified as AHTD Job 040266, Springdale Northern Bypass, Benton and Washington Counties, HDA-AR.

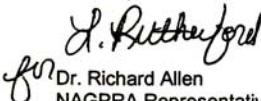
The Cherokee Nation is not presently aware of or able to identify any cultural resources affiliated with the Cherokee Nation within the proposed area of development. However, we are aware that inadvertent discovery may occur as a result of development, archaeological testing, or as project construction activities progress. Such activity has the potential to destroy, damage, or diminish the integrity of any Cherokee resources. Also, any such discovery may result in looting if not adequately protected. Therefore, the Cherokee Nation requests that:

1. In the event of inadvertent discovery of human remains, burial objects, or artifacts that all site surveys or other site activities cease pending notification of the Cherokee Nation;
2. Any and all remains, burial objects or artifacts must be properly secured and protected;
3. The Cherokee Nation opposes any laboratory testing, data retrieval, non-biodegradable shrouding, photographic documentation, public display, or unauthorized removal of ancestral remains or burial objects;
4. Sites known to possess or are discovered to possess ancestral remains or burial objects, or that have historical, cultural, or religious significance to the Cherokee people should be avoided.

There are three federally acknowledged Cherokee entities: the Cherokee Nation; the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians, and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Section 106 mandates tribal commentary, review or consultation with federally recognized tribal entities. Therefore, any consultation, commentary or review addressed to state recognized groups, entities, or self-identified individuals purporting to be American Indian representatives does not constitute valid tribal consultation in accordance with the authority and intent of federal legislation.

Should you desire to communicate with the designated tribal representative, you may contact me at (918) 456-0671, extension 2466.

Sincerely,


for Dr. Richard Allen
NAGPRA Representative



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October 23, 2001

**IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Chief Charles O. Tillman, Jr.
The Osage Tribe
627 Grandview
Pawhuska, OK 74056

Dear Chief Tillman:

This letter is written in response to the recently revised federal regulations regarding the treatment of cultural resources. According to 36 CFR Part 800.4(a) of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, all Federal agencies are required to consult with pertinent Indian Tribes if an action may affect ancestral lands or properties that may be of religious or cultural significance.

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At this point a records check of the Arkansas Archeological Survey's site files and the site files on record at the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has been conducted and ten archeological sites have been identified in the project area. Two of these consist of historic farmsteads dating to the 19th and 20th centuries, while eight are prehistoric sites most of which probably date to the Archaic period. While none of these sites identified can be attributed to a particular tribe with certainty, we do know that most of northwest Arkansas was claimed as hunting territory by the Osage during the 18th and early 19th centuries.

The project also crosses the ten-mile wide corridor designated by the National Park Service as Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and may be of particular significance to the Cherokee, and the Cherokee have also been consulted with on the project. At this point in the planning process an intensive cultural resources survey is planned for all property within the proposed project right of way and we will keep you posted as the project proceeds.

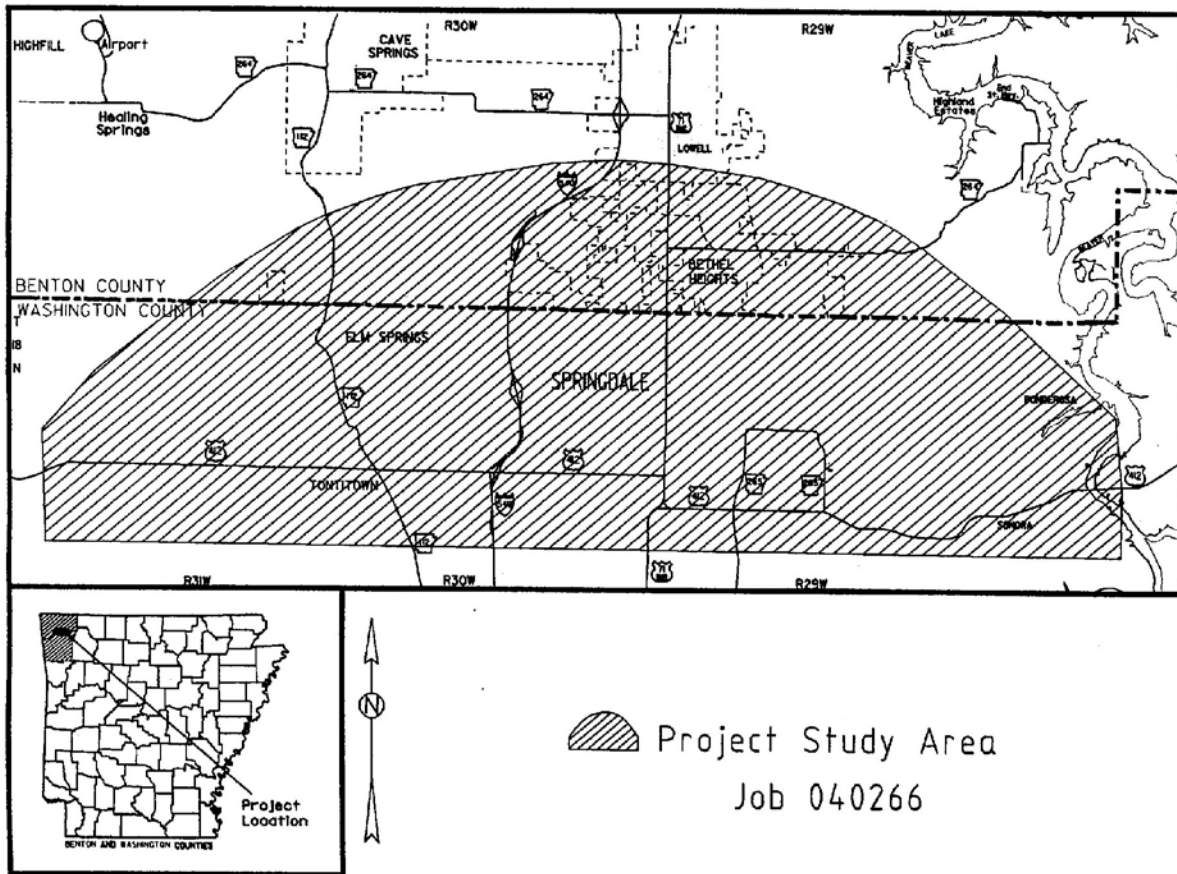
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Sincerely yours,



Sor Sandra L. Otto
Division Administrator

cc: Ms. Carrie V. Wilson, encls
Mr. Dan Flowers, AHTD, encls



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June 2, 2000

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RE: AHTD Job Number 040266
Springdale Northern Bypass (U.S. Hwy 412)
Benton & Washington Counties

Dear Mr. Gaines:

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department is preparing environmental documentation on a proposed project to construct approximately 27 kilometers (17 miles) of fully controlled access four-lane divided (interstate type) highway. The proposed highway will be on new location connecting U.S. 412 west of Sonora to U.S. 412 west of Tontitown and will serve as a northern bypass of Springdale (see attached location map).

The project will cross the ten-mile wide corridor designated by the National Park Service as Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. Even though the exact route of the trail in the project area has not been verified, most researchers believe that it more than likely followed what is now known as Old Wire Road which runs north-south along the eastern edge of our project area crossing alternatives E and G northwest of Springdale. This is the route shown as a dashed line in the map supplement of your Draft Comprehensive Management Plan (map 58, see attached copy). The auto tour route that is currently in use lies to the west of Old Wire Road and runs along Highway 71B through the project area. Regardless of which alternative is selected, the project will cross Old Wire Road and Highway 71B. Interchanges are planned at both crossings.

A records check of the Arkansas Archeological Survey's site files and the site files on record at the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program revealed no known archeological sites or historic structures associated with the route in the project area. The trail is signed along Highway 71B but none of the signs are located within the proposed project area (see attached letter). There are also no interpretive sights or pullouts identifying the trail within the project area.

David Gaines
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June 2, 2000

A windshield survey of the project area revealed that the Highway 71B crossings are heavily developed and the chance for finding any type of associated archeological resources here are slim. The landscape adjacent to the alternative crossings on Old Wire Road is quickly becoming urbanized although there are still a few parcels of property that appear to be to be relatively intact. Old Wire road is currently a two lane paved road that has been upgraded and improved considerably. It probably bears little resemblance to the route taken by the Cherokee in 1838-1839.

At this point in the planning process, it appears that the proposed project will have a negligible impact to the trail; however, once a final alternative has been selected an intensive cultural resources survey is planned for all property within the project right of way. We will pay particular attention to any sites or old roadbeds that could possibly be associated with the trail and will keep you posted as the project proceeds.

Please review the attached information and notify us of any constraints or concerns that you may have regarding this undertaking. This will help us to identify any problem areas before the design process is finalized. If additional information is needed, please contact John Miller or Mike Webb of this office at (501) 569-2281 or e-mail at jemd175@ahtd.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,



Marion Butler
Division Head
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February 6, 2003

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RE: AHTD Job Number 040266
Springdale Northern Bypass (U.S. Hwy 412)
Benton & Washington Counties

Dear Mr. Marr:

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department is preparing environmental documentation on a proposed project to construct approximately 27 kilometers (17 miles) of fully controlled access, four-lane divided (interstate type) highway. The proposed highway will be on new location connecting U. S. 412 west of Sonora to U. S. 412 west of Tontitown, and it will serve as a northern bypass of Springdale (see attached location map).

The project will cross the ten-mile wide corridor designated by the National Park Service as Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. Even though the exact route of the trail in the project area has not been verified, most researchers believe it more than likely followed what is known as Old Wire Road that runs north-south along the eastern edge of the project area crossing Segment DE of Alternatives 1-5 northwest of Springdale (see segment map). The auto tour route currently in use lies to the west of Old Wire Road and runs along Highway 71B through the project area. Regardless of alternative selected, the project will cross Old Wire Road and Highway 71B. Interchanges are planned at both crossings.

A records check of the Arkansas Archeological Survey's site files and the site files at the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program revealed no known archeological sites or historic structures associated with the route in the project area. The Trail is signed along Highway 71B, but none of the signs are located within the

proposed project area (see attached letter). There are also no interpretive sites or pullouts identifying the Trail within the project area.

A visual drive-by survey of the project area revealed that the Highway 71B crossings are heavily developed, and the chance of finding any associated archeological resources is small. The landscape adjacent to the alternative crossings on Old Wire Road is quickly becoming urbanized, although there are a few parcels that appear to be relatively intact. Old Wire Road is currently a two-lane, paved road that has been upgraded and improved considerably. It probably bears little resemblance to the route taken by the Cherokee in 1838-1839.

At this point in the planning process, it appears that the proposed project will have a negligible impact to the Trail; however, once a final alternative has been selected an intensive cultural resources survey will be conducted on all property within the project right-of-way. Particular attention will be paid to any sites or old roadbeds that would possibly be associated with the Trail. You will be informed as the project proceeds.

Please review the enclosed information, and notify us of any constraints or concerns that you may have regarding this undertaking. This will help to identify any problem areas before the design process is finalized. If additional information is needed, please contact Robert Scoggin or Mike Webb of this office at (501) 569-2281 or e-mail at Robert.Scoggin@ahtd.state.ar.us or Mike.Webb@ahtd.state.ar.us.

Sincerely yours,



Marion Butler
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March 14, 2002

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RE: Multi County – General
Section 106 Review – FHWA
Draft Environmental Impact Statement: Springdale
Northern Bypass (U.S. Highway 412), Benton and
Washington Counties, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Butler:

My staff has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed referenced undertaking. We concur with your decision to conduct an intensive cultural resources survey, and do National Register eligibility evaluations on properties in the area of potential effect. We can proceed with our review upon receipt of a report on this investigation.

Thank you for your interest and concern for the cultural heritage of Arkansas. If you have any questions, please contact George McCluskey of my staff at (501) 324-9880.

Sincerely,

Ken Grunewald

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Federal Highway Administration
Osage Nation
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January 24, 2003

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Re: Request for Technical Assistance
AHTD Job Number 040266
Springdale Northern Bypass
Benton and Washington Counties

Dear Mr. Grunewald:

The proposed project involves constructing a new four lane divided highway leaving Highway 412 to the west of Tontitown, continuing north of Springdale, and then connecting to existing Highway 412 at Beaver Lake in Benton and Washington counties. Twenty-four standing structures appear to be at least 50 years old, and they may be impacted by the project. A brief description of the structures follows.

Structure A is two-story wood frame with a composite shingle roof and four over four windows. The structure is part of a larger farmstead that includes outbuildings and a barn.

Structure A1 is a two-story wood frame barn with a metal roof. This barn is part of the farmstead associated with Structure A.

Structure B is rock with a composite shingle roof and one over one wooden windows. This structure is currently a church.

Structure C is wood frame with a composite shingle roof and one over one wooden windows. The structure is currently a residence.

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Structure D is wood frame with wood siding, a composite shingle roof, and three over one wooden windows. The structure is abandoned.

Structure E is wood frame with recent siding, a composite shingle roof, and one over one wooden windows. The structure is currently a residence.

Structure F is combination rock and wood frame with recent siding on the wood frame sections, a composite shingle roof, and one over one wooden windows. The structure is currently a residence.

Structure G is wood frame with a composite shingle roof and one over one wooden windows. The structure is a residence.

Structure H is wood frame with a composite shingle roof, and one over one wooden windows. The structure is a residence that is part of a larger spring complex with outbuildings and a rock-lined spring.

Structure I is combination stucco and wood frame with a flat roof on the stucco section and a metal roof on the wood frame section, and metal windows. The structure is currently an auction house.

BE0908 is wood frame with a composite shingle roof and six over six wooden windows. The structure is a residence.

Structure J is rock with a composite shingle roof, one over one metal windows, and four over four wooden windows. The structure is a residence.

BE0894 is wood frame with recent siding, a composite shingle roof, and one over one wooden windows. The structure is a residence.

BE0877 is wood frame with a composite shingle roof and one over one wooden windows. The structure is a residence.

BE0905 is wood frame with a composite shingle roof and one over one wooden windows. The structure is a residence.

BE0904 is wood frame with a composite shingle roof and metal storm windows. The structure may still be used as a school.

BE0900 is wood frame with a composite shingle roof and one over one wooden windows. The structure is a residence.

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Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
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Structure K is wood frame with a composite shingle roof and one over one wooden windows. The structure was previously used as a school but is currently a residence.

Structure L is rock with a flat roof and three over one wooden windows. The structure is currently empty.

Structure M is a replacement road bridge with steel I-beams, a two inch thick overgrown concrete deck, and rock wing walls.

Structure N is wood frame with a composite shingle roof and one over one wooden windows. The structure is a residence that is part of a larger spring complex with outbuildings and a rock spring house.

Structure O is wood frame with recent siding, a composite shingle roof, and one over one metal windows. The structure is a residence.

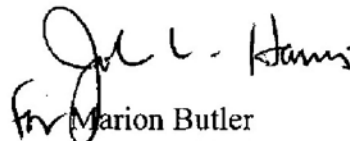
WA0359 is wood frame with a composite shingle roof and nine over one wooden windows. The structure is known as the Fishback School.

Structure P is rock with a composite shingle roof and one over one wooden windows. The structure is a residence.

Structure Q is rock with a composite roof and one over one wooden windows. The structure is a residence.

Photographs and location maps for the structures are enclosed so your staff may evaluate the eligibility of these structures to the National Register. Should you have questions about the project, please contact Robert Scoggin of my staff at 569-2077.

Sincerely,


Marion Butler
Division Head
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February 3, 2003

Marion Butler
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Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department
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Little Rock, AR 72203-2261

RE: Multi County – Springdale
Section 106 Review – FHWA
Springdale Northern Bypass, AHTD Job Number 040266
AHPP Tracking #48189

Dear Mr. Butler:

This letter is written in response to your inquiry regarding properties of architectural significance in the area of the proposed referenced project. The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has reviewed the documents that pertain to this undertaking and determined that the following properties are eligible for inclusion in the National Register.

- 1) Structures A and A1.
- 2) Structure B.
- 3) Structure C.
- 4) Structure H.
- 5) Site #BE0877.
- 6) Site #BE0905.
- 7) Structure K.
- 8) Structure L.
- 9) Structure P.
- 10) Structure Q.

They are eligible under Criterion C for their architectural significance. In addition, the Fishback School (Site #WA0359) was listed in the National Register on September 4, 1992.

Once the undertaking is further along in the planning stages, we look forward to reviewing the proposed project. If you should have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Ralph S. Wilcox at (501) 324-9880.

Yours truly,

Ken Grunewald
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Federal Highway Administration

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February 6, 2003

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Subject: Request for Technical Assistance
AHTD Job Number 040266
Springdale Northern Bypass
Benton & Washington Counties

Dear Mr. Grunewald:

This is an addendum to the Request for Technical Assistance previously submitted on January 24, 2003, for the referenced project. The proposed project involves constructing a new four lane divided highway leaving Highway 412 to the west of Tontitown, continuing north of Springdale, and then connecting to existing Highway 412 at Beaver Lake in Benton and Washington counties. Six additional standing structures appear to be at least 50 years old, and they may be impacted by the project. A brief description of the structures follows.

Structure R is wood frame with vinyl siding, a composite shingle roof, and three over one windows. The structure is currently a residence.

Structure S is log with a metal roof. The structure appears to be dog-trot style, and it is beginning to collapse.

Structure T is wood frame with asbestos siding, a composite shingle roof, and one over one wooden windows. This structure is currently a residence.

Structure U is a rock duplex with a composite shingle roof and one over one wooden windows. The structure is currently a residence.

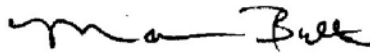
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Structure V is rock and wood frame with aluminum siding, a composite shingle roof, and one over one wooden windows. The structure is currently a residence.

Structure W is wood frame with asbestos siding, a composite shingle roof, and one over one wooden windows. The structure is currently a residence.

Photographs and location maps for the structures are included so your staff may evaluate the eligibility of these structures to the National Register. Should you have questions about the project, please contact Robert Scoggin of my staff at 569-2077.

Sincerely,



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February 20, 2003

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RE: Multi County – Springdale
Section 106 Review – FHWA
Springdale Northern Bypass, AHTD Job Number 040266
AHPP Tracking #48189

Dear Mr. Butler:

This letter is written in response to your February 6, 2003, inquiry regarding properties of architectural significance in the area of the proposed referenced project. The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has reviewed the documents that pertain to this undertaking and determined that Structure U is eligible for inclusion in the National Register under Criterion C for its architectural significance.

Once the undertaking is further along in the planning stages, we look forward to reviewing the proposed project. If you should have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Ralph S. Wilcox at (501) 324-9880.

Yours truly,

Ken Grunewald
Ken Grunewald
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Federal Highway Administration



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May 20, 2004

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RE: Multi County - Springdale
Section 106 Review - FHWA
Springdale Northern Bypass, U.S. Highway 412
AHPP Tracking No: 52139

Dear Mr. Butler:

Marion
Thank you for the opportunity to review the *Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Springdale Northern Bypass, Highway 412*. We find this to be a well crafted document that thoroughly addresses the potential impacts that this undertaking may have on cultural resources. We agree with the plan to conduct an intensive cultural resources survey of the final alignment and look forward to commenting of a report of that work during the Section 106 process.

Thank you for your interest and concern for the cultural heritage of Arkansas. If you have any questions, please contact George McCluskey of my staff at (501) 324-9880.

Sincerely,

Ken Grunewald
Ken Grunewald
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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May 14, 2004

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Mr. Jim R. Gray
Principal Chief
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Dear Chief Gray:

The Federal Highway Administration, in cooperation with the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, has completed a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) in support of construction of a full controlled interstate type highway near Springdale, Arkansas. Your tribal organization was notified of the project and initially invited to participate in the study process in October 2001.

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Sincerely yours,

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Benton and Washington Counties
HDA-AR

Mr. Chad Smith
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