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July 8, 2015



Mr. Ben Hark
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RE: Corridor H – Kerens to Parsons (Section IB)
State Project X342-H-40.21, Federal Project: NHPP-0484(319)
FR#: 91-246-MULTI-366

Dear Mr. Hark:

We have reviewed the abbreviated Phase IB Archaeological Survey Report Addendum prepared by Skelly and Loy, Inc. for the above referenced project. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

The report addresses our concerns regarding the presence of cultural resources within the proposed project area. Systematic survey conducted in the project area did not identify any archaeological resources. The consultant concludes that no further archaeological investigations are necessary. We concur with this conclusion. In our opinion, there are no historic archaeological properties that will be affected by the proposed project. No further consultation is necessary.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Carolyn Kender, Archaeologist, at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,

Susan M. Pierce
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RE: Appalachian Corridor H, Kerens to Parsons (Section 1B) Addendum Report
FR# 91-246-MULTI-362

Dear Mr. Hark,

We have received the above referenced report for review. This May 2014 addendum report updates the July 2000 report, *Corridor H, Battlefield Avoidance Study, Determinations of Eligibility for Architectural Resources*. This report identifies nine architectural resources which are located within the modification of the preferred alternative. Please accept the following comments.

These nine resources are found near the vicinity of Montrose within Tucker and Randolph Counties. One was constructed in 1980. Five are mid twentieth construction; the last three date to 1890, 1905 and 1934. Of interest were the cold cellar found at RD-A (Nathaniel Bonnell House) and the large dormer constructed on RD-B (Shannon Grace Morrall House). However, the architectural character of the nine buildings is not significant or has lost integrity; nor is it demonstrated that the historic significance of these properties is significant. We concur that these buildings do not meet the Criteria of Evaluation and are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

No further consultation is required. Should further changes to the alternative occur, please contact our office if additional architectural resources are located within the Area of Potential Effect. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

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RE: Appalachian Corridor H – Kerens to Parsons Core Boring, Section 1A, Randolph County
FR#: 91-246-Multi-361

Dear Mr. Hark:

We have reviewed the above referenced project to determine its effects to cultural resources. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

We are in receipt of the submitted *Appalachian Corridor H Battlefield Avoidance Study Determination of Eligibility for Architectural Resources Addendum Memorandum*. According to the submitted report, the alignment of the proposed Corridor H roadway, as well as the proposed project right-of-way limits along the approximately 15 mile length of the new Preferred Alternative (Kerens-to-Parsons project), has been modified. As such, an architectural resources survey was conducted to identify additional architectural resources which are 50 years old or older within the modified Area of Potential Effects (APE). As a result of the survey, 18 additional architectural resources were identified and documented.

According to the submitted information, it is the consultant's opinion that none of the 18 newly-identified architectural resources are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. This assessment was based on the level of integrity of each resource as relating primarily to Criterion C. Very little archival research was conducted and an historic context was not included with this addendum. The original survey occurred approximately 20 years ago; therefore, a review of the historic background of the area would be needed to fully assess

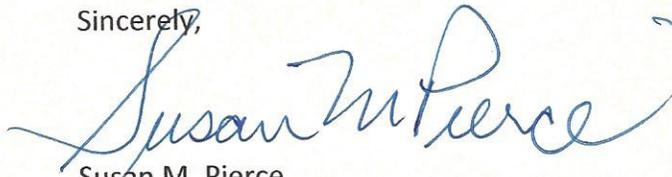
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National Register-eligibility. Because these resources were essentially only evaluated under Criteria C and not under Criteria A and/or B, we cannot concur with the consultant's opinion at this time.

However, the submitted project mapping indicates that these resources are all outside of the area of direct impact and, therefore, it is our opinion that the proposed project will result in *No Adverse Effect* to any properties which are eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Please note that all future submissions in which architectural resources are being evaluated for National Register-eligibility must include an evaluation under Criteria A, B, and C, as well as the use of appropriate archival (primary and secondary) sources. No further consultation regarding architectural resources is necessary for the proposed project; however, we do ask that you contact our office if your project should change.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 Process, please contact Michael Kyne, Structural Historian, at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,



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October 23, 2013

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RE: Appalachian Corridor H- Kererns to Parsons
State Project# X303-17/11-0.00
FR#: 91-246-Multi-360

Dear Mr. Hark:

We have reviewed the Phase I Abbreviated Technical Report for: *Appalachian Corridor H- Kererns to Parsons (Kerens to Monongahela National Forest Boundary) Randolph, County, West Virginia*. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

Archaeological Resources:

The above referenced technical report addresses our concerns regarding the potential for archaeological resources within in the additional 12 parcels. According to the report, no archaeological resources were identified during the systematic survey. No further archaeological survey was recommended by the consultant. We concur with this recommendation. In our opinion, there are no archaeological resources in the project area listed on or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. No further consultation is necessary with regard to archaeological resources for the above referenced project.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Kristin D. Scarr, Archaeologist, at (304) 558-0240.*

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November 15, 2012

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RE: Appalachian Corridor H- Unsurveyed Areas from the Kerens to Parsons Project
State Project XL142-H-38.99
FR#: 91-246-Multi-359

Dear Mr. Bailey:

We have reviewed the report titled *Phase I Survey of the Previously Unsurveyed Portions of the Kerens to Parsons Project from Kerens to the Monongalia National Forest Boundary, Appalachian Corridor H, Randolph County, West Virginia*. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

Archaeological Resources:

The report provided addresses our concerns regarding the potential for archaeological resources within the remaining unsurveyed portions of the Kerens to Parsons project area of the Appalachian Corridor H selected alternative in Randolph County. According to the report, no archaeological resources were identified during the systematic survey. No further archaeological survey was recommended by the consultant. We concur with this recommendation. In our opinion, there are no archaeological resources in the project area listed on or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. No further consultation is necessary with regard to archaeological resources for the above referenced project.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Kristin D. Scarr, Archaeologist, at (304) 558-0240.

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