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Subject: RE: MVP Priority Review for Slip Mitigation ATWS_SM-062 (ext) and Access Road MVP-WE-010.01 (SHPO FR# 15-67-MULTI-163)

EXTERNAL E-MAIL MESSAGE

Dear Mr. Friedman:

We have reviewed the information that was submitted for the aforementioned 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.

According to the submitted information, one workspace, MVP-ATWS-SM-062 (Ext), and one access road, MVP-WE-010.01, are being proposed to stabilize the hillside and address a slip that has occurred in Wetzel County, WV. The workspace is located along the pipeline corridor near milepost (MP) 3.80-4.19; the access road is near MP 3.73. Both proposed variances will require tree clearing. The direct and indirect areas of potential effects (APE) are consistent with those defined for the previously surveyed pipeline corridor.

Archaeological Resources:
According to the submitted materials, survey of the proposed variances included visual reconnaissance and shovel probe excavation. Portions of both variances were previously surveyed in 2015 with negative results. During the current survey, steep terrain and/or disturbance resulting from the active slip were observed over most of the APE. Shovel probes excavated within a portion of the proposed access road resulted in the identification of one new archaeological site, 46WZ179. The site consists of a scatter of 44 historic-era artifacts and an associated well. In addition, one burn-pit was identified that produced melted glass. The recovered artifacts include a fragment of whiteware with polychrome decal, a fragment of gray salt-glazed stoneware, fragments of clear, aqua, amethyst bottle glass, window glass, wire nails, one cut nail and one roofing nail. The amethyst glass fragment suggests a late-nineteenth to early twentieth century occupation. No extant structures or building foundations were documented within the direct APE. However, historic topographic maps depict two adjacent structures that may be associated with the site. One abandoned structure located to the south of the survey corridor may also be associated. Due to the nature of the material remains and the lack of structural foundations, we concur that the portion of 46WZ179 located within the direct APE is unlikely to produce significant information. As a result, we also concur that no further archaeological investigations are warranted. In our opinion, use of these workspaces and access road will have no effect on archaeological historic properties. However, if changes are made to the proposed variance boundaries, please notify this office so we may provide further comment.

Architectural Resources:
We have reviewed the submitted report and determined no further consultation is necessary regarding the aforementioned project variances. The submitted documentation indicated

pedestrian surveys identified no aboveground properties within the direct APEs, nor did they identify any resources that will have a view of the proposed work areas. The variances are also located within the previously established visual APE for the overall undertaking, which has already been evaluated for potential effects on historic properties. Thus, no further consultation is necessary regarding these project elements; however, we ask that you contact our office if the project should change.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. If you have any questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please do not hesitate to contact Mitchell K. Schaefer, Architectural Historian, or me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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Good Afternoon Lora and Mitch

The attached letter report contains one (1) slip mitigation variance and one (1) access road variance for your review.

As per our agreement of 3/13/2019 please respond with your comments via email to the recipients who are copied above.

Thank you

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