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Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 12:45 PM
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Cc: 'Holly Austin'; 'Elizabeth Toombs'; 'Madden, Michael J -FS'; 'Sparks, Sean'; 'Jacob Freedman'; 'Neylon, Megan'; 'Beau Carroll'
Subject: Mountain Valley Pipeline - Tribal Monitor Information

Good afternoon all –

Just wanted to update you all on what is happening with the Project and follow up with you regarding the monitoring that we are trying to coordinate.

We received our ARPA permit for the excavation of 44GS241 on the forest. My plan is to work with the JNF to hold a project (data recovery excavation) kick-off meeting Monday or Tuesday March 12 or 13 (if the FS agrees and if the weather allows). We would conduct safety training and environmental training that day, review any other protocols that are appropriate, and then plan to begin fieldwork the following day. You all are invited to attend – or to send other representatives as appropriate. This date is NOT final but I wanted to give you all a head's up that we're moving in this direction and give you an opportunity to comment on both the meeting date and the content of it now....

Please note that we need to provide safety and environmental training to all representatives who visit the site during construction. We can provide training for folks at other times than this kick-off meeting so this is not the only opportunity – but it would be wonderful if there was at least one tribal representative available at the kick-off meeting to represent your interest in this particular site.

I am also still hoping to get more information from you regarding your request to monitor during construction. Our schedule that I provided earlier has not changed. We plan to begin cutting trees (not clearing them) later this month with full construction happening in the near future. Based on our first call, I understood that the tribes were most concerned with monitoring during construction so I still hope to find a way to make this happen. I look forward to hearing from you with further information on how we can assist in making this happen.

Please don't hesitate to call or email with questions or concerns. Thanks again for working with us on this.

Best,
Evelyn

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Subject: RE: Tentative Tribal Monitor Information

Russell, Holly, and Elizabeth,

We were also looking forward to working with your folks on this project and I sure hope that Mr. Carroll and Mr. Griffin will be able to visit. We'll certainly work with them to make arrangement at their convenience.

I do, however, have to ask about the request for monitoring during construction. Does the EBCI or the Cherokee Nation want us to pursue tribal monitors in another way or is it appropriate for us to move forward without the monitors in place? I want to make sure that Mountain Valley has adequately addressed this to the satisfaction of both organizations. The FERC and the FS also certainly want this to be worked out in an appropriate manner with all of you.

If you or Holly could let us know the appropriate path forward for the ECBI, we'll make it happen. Elizabeth, do you have suggestions as to how you would like us to proceed given how busy the ECBI archaeological team is?

We look forward to hearing from you.

Evelyn

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Subject: Re: Tentative Tribal Monitor Information

Evelyn,

I wanted to thank you again for helping to create an opportunity for tribal monitors to participate in this project. Our office has four professional Archaeologists at present, and they enjoy getting out and meeting with other archaeologists and contractors who work within our traditional aboriginal territory.

After meeting with our archaeological staff, we have realized that the remainder of February and well into March will not be a good time for the EBCI to participate in monitoring. We are in the middle of a large scale excavation at our Casino property, a project that was unanticipated prior to this past September. Now, with March competition deadlines approaching we are having to involve more of our staff in that project.

Two of our staff members, Beau Carroll and Johi Griffin, do want to come and visit the project for a day or two, as their schedule allows. Beau will contact you to make arrangements for an EBCI archaeological team site visit. Sadly, that is likely the extent that our tribal archaeologists will be able to be involved with the project at this time.

Thanks and Best Regards,

Russell Townsend
EBCI THPO

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 5, 2018, at 08:39, Evelyn Tidlow <E.Tidlow@gaiconsultants.com> wrote:

Happy Monday –

Holly,

Attached is our best guess on the schedule for the JNF. Since you are only planning to monitor at the location of Site 44GS241, we'll have to refine this some as these activities get closer to happening. But I hope this will give you sufficient information that you can identify more specifically who might be interested in working with us on this. I'm hoping we can start working directly with your monitors to get them on staff at Tetra Tech (MVP's main environmental contractor for the project). I realize that the timing may not work to have folks available for the week of the February 19th but figures it can't hurt to try. Anyway, if you could let us know what the best path forward is for getting monitors ready to go, we would certainly appreciate it.

Please call or email with any questions. Thanks so much for your help on this.

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Subject: Tentative Tribal Monitor Information

Good morning Evelyn,

This is Holly Austin with the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians Tribal Historic Preservation Office. This information is not yet definite, but the names of three potential tribal monitors for the MVP project would be Beau Carroll, Larry Blythe, and Johi Griffin. Mr. Carroll is a trained tribal archaeologist, Mr. Blythe is a former Vice-Chief and cultural expert, and Mr. Griffin can perform both duties as required, and is our tribal historic sites keeper. I am very confident that all three gentlemen will be able to fulfill the requirements of BLM and the USFS, as well as their abilities to serve tribal needs.

I have copied Mike Madden and my supervisor, Russell Townsend, on this email just to provide them with updates and keep them involved as much as possible. Thank you for participating in the call today, and for providing me with some updates.

Sincerely,

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