

MVP Cultural Compliance – Tribal Monitors**Date/Time:** Monday, January 22 @ 10-11 am ET**Conference Call:** 1-866-906-9888 Code: 9493642#

Attendees	MVP/EQT/Nexterra	Agnes Ramsey, Megan Neylon
	Cherokee Nation	Elizabeth Toombs
	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI)	Holly Austin
	GAI	Evelyn Tidlow
	Galileo Project	Grace Ellis, Lauren Johnston

Actions:

- Tribes review the ARPA permit.
- MVP coordinates requested scientific and academic outreach with tribes.
- Evelyn coordinates directly with Holly re tribal monitor hiring and scheduling. CC Mike Madden (FS), Elizabeth, and Galileo on communications.
- Holly provides contact information for tribal monitors to participants on this call. *Complete.*
- MVP develops one-pager contact information for tribal monitoring.

Discussion:

- Galileo reviewed that Transcon is on board to monitor compliance during the construction phase on behalf of the USDA Forest Service (FS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Transcon will serve as a conduit between the proponent and the agencies for variance requests, compliance reports, stop work orders, etc.
- MVP plans to file a Notice to Proceed (NTP) request that includes all actions on federal lands, from tree felling to reclamation. BLM would then have discretion over which portions of the request to allow with an NTP as compliance and preconstruction measures are met. MVP hopes to start tree felling by February 19th and wants to have all trees on FS lands felled by March 31st, 2018, and plans to remove trees from the ROW when weather is more favorable. MVP plans to have tribal monitors hired by February 19th.
- Holly and Elizabeth agree tribal monitors need to be in place for construction activities on the Right of Way, including tree removal, however monitors are not needed for the excavation of the site. Tribes have already signed off on the treatment plan and will review the excavation plan and ARPA permit prior to any archaeological work done on the site 44GS0241. Holly noted it might be interesting for tribal monitors to see parts of the excavation, but tribes are more concerned with activities happening in the limits of disturbance having an impact on the site.
- MVP has contracted SEARCH to perform the excavation work. SEARCH previously did the Phase I and II archaeological studies.
- Holly and Elizabeth stated it might be easiest for MVP to hire tribal monitors as employees for the monitoring work. MVP plans to have construction rolling six days per week with twelve-hour days. Holly requested MVP provide advance scheduling notice so that tribal monitors can plan periodic visits to the site.
- MVP is planning a kickoff meeting in Virginia in the coming weeks that will include MVP's safety and environmental trainings as well as an overview of construction and Transcon's duties. MVP wants to have site-specific archaeological trainings prior to excavation.