

**Appendix F – Alabama State Historic Preservation Officer and Tribal Consultation
Correspondence**

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Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1499

March 19, 2009

Ms. Stacye Hathorn
Alabama Historical Commission
468 South Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900

Dear Ms. Hathorn:

TVA, AHC 09-0284, PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ON WHEELER RESERVOIR,
RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT, LLC., LIMESTONE COUNTY, ALABAMA

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has received a permit request for a community slip facility, launching ramps, boardwalk, shoreline stabilization and dredge on Wheeler Reservoir in Limestone County, Alabama. Because of the extent of these facilities, TVA land rights in this area, and the fact these permitted facilities will support the back-lying residential and commercial development, TVA has determined the area of potential effects (APE) to be the permitted facilities, spoils location for dredged material, and approximate 54 acres of development adjacent to the TVA fee-owned land on Wheeler Reservoir.

An archaeological survey was conducted within the APE. Results are summarized in the enclosed report titled *A Phase I Cultural Resources Survey of a Proposed Residential Development Area in Limestone County, Alabama*. It is our understanding that a copy of this report has already been sent to your office for review. Field survey identified two (2) archaeological sites (1Li758 and 1Li759) within the APE. Site 1Li758 was recorded as a low density historic scatter and 1Li759 is a light lithic scatter. These sites were recommended as ineligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). TVA has reviewed the report and agrees with these findings.

TVA is consulting with the following federally recognized Indian tribes regarding properties within the proposed project's APE that may be of religious and cultural significance to them and eligible for the NRHP: Cherokee Nation, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, The Chickasaw Nation, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town, Kialegee Tribal Town, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Shawnee Tribe, and Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

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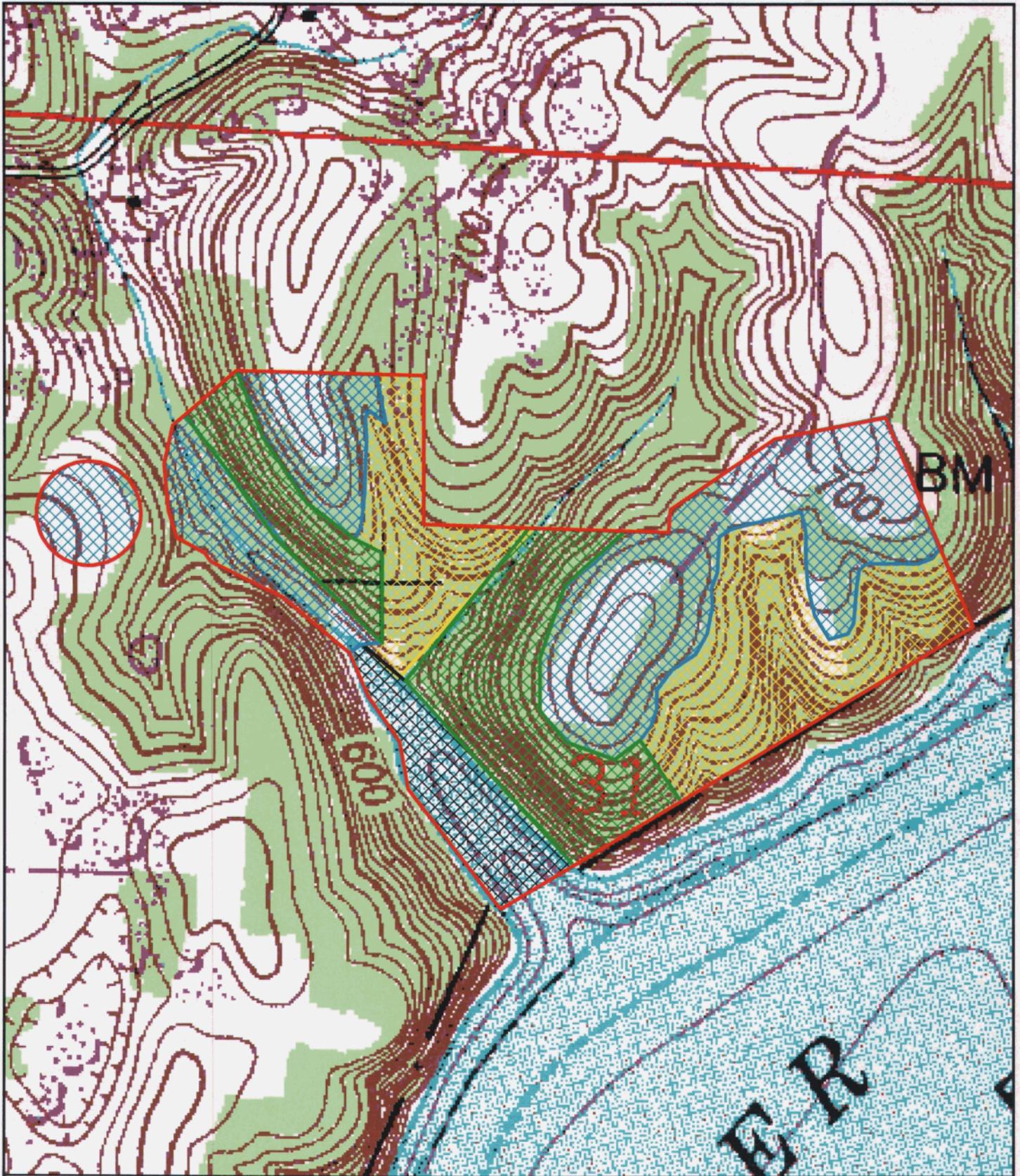
Pursuant to 36CFR Part 800.4(a), TVA is seeking your concurrence with these findings. Please contact Erin Pritchard at 865.632.2463 (or by email at eepritchard@tva.gov) if you have any questions regarding this determination.

Sincerely,

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Thomas O. Maher, Ph.D.
Manager
Cultural Resources

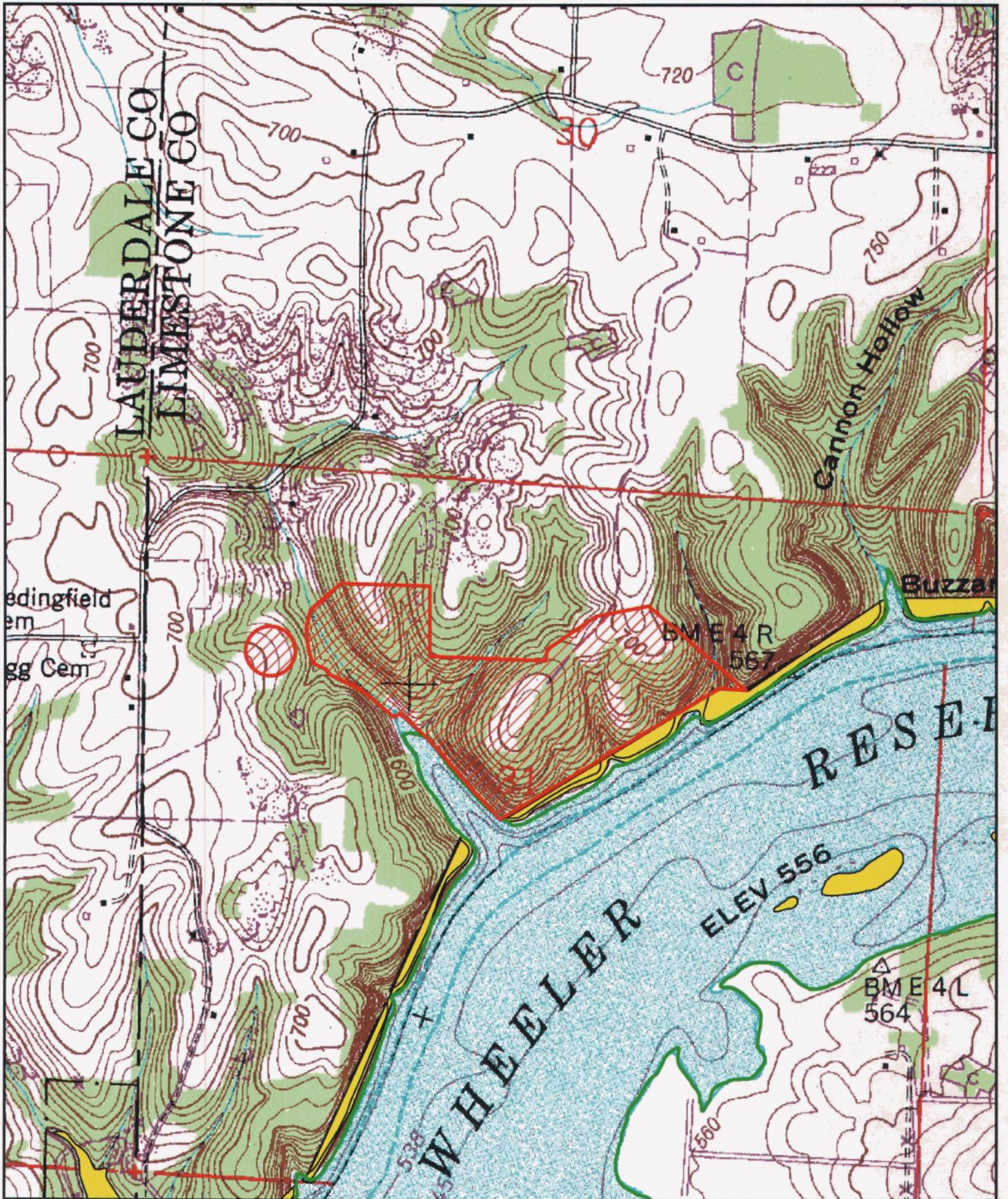
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-  APE (approximate)
-  Examine for caves/shelters
-  SurveyArea
-  No Work Required
-  Visual Inspection

Billy Christopher Development
 Wheeler Reservoir - Elk River
 Archaeological Survey Requirements





-  Shoreline Survey
-  TVA Fee-owned Land
-  Recommended APE (approximate)

Billy Christopher Development





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To those listed

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Pursuant to 36CFR Part 800.4(a), TVA is seeking your comments on these findings. Please contact me by phone at 865.632.6461 or by email at pbezzell@tva.gov if you have any questions regarding this determination.

Sincerely,

Pat Bernard Ezzell
Historian and Native American Liaison
Cultural Resources

Enclosures

The United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma has no objection to the referenced project. However, if any remains, artifacts or other items are inadvertently discovered, please cease construction immediately and contact us at 918-456-6533 or by letter.

Lisa C. Stopp, Tribal NAGPRA POC Date 3-26-09



ALABAMA-COUSHATTA TRIBE OF TEXAS

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April 16, 2009

Tennessee Valley Authority
Attn: Pat Bernard Ezzell
400 West Summit Hill Drive
Knoxville, TN 37902-1499

Dear Mrs. Ezzell:

On behalf of Chief Oscola Clayton Sylestine and the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe, our appreciation is expressed on your efforts to consult us regarding the Christopher Riverfront Development, LLC proposal in Limestone County.

Our Tribe maintains ancestral associations throughout the state of Alabama despite the absence of written records to completely identify Tribal activities, villages, trails, or grave sites. However, it is our objective to ensure significances of Native American ancestry including the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe are administered with the utmost regard.

Upon review of the March 19, 2009 documents submitted to our office, no impact to religious, cultural, or historical assets of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas should occur based upon the results of the January 2009 cultural resource investigation by the Office of Archaeological Research. Therefore, we have no objections to the proceeding of this activity and concur with the recommendations set forth by your office.

In the event of inadvertent discovery of human remains and/or archaeological artifacts, activity in proximity to the location must cease and appropriate authorities, including this office, notified without delay. Should you require additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bryant J. Celestine
Historic Preservation Officer

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STATE OF ALABAMA
ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
468 SOUTH PERRY STREET
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April 2, 2009

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Thomas O. Maher, Ph.D.
Tennessee Valley Authority
400 West Summit Hill Drive
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1499

Re: AHC 09-0284
Riverfront Development
Wheeler Reservoir
Limestone County, Alabama

Dear ~~Dr. Maher~~: *Tom*:

Upon review of the above referenced project, we have determined that the project activities will have no effect on any known cultural resources listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, we concur with the proposed project activities.

However, should artifacts or archaeological features be encountered during project activities, work shall cease and our office shall be consulted immediately. Artifacts are objects made, used or modified by humans. These include but are not limited to arrowheads, broken pieces of pottery or glass, stone implements, metal fasteners or tools, etc. Archaeological features are stains in the soil that indicate disturbance by human activity. Some examples are postholes, building foundations, trash pits and even human burials. This stipulation shall be placed on the construction plans to insure contractors are aware of it.

We appreciate your efforts on this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Greg Rhinehart at (334) 230-2662. Please have the AHC tracking number referenced above available and include it with any correspondence.

Truly yours,

Elizabeth Ann Brown
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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