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Suite 1270
Columbia, SC 29201

Date: May 1, 2006

In Reply Refer To:
HDA-SC

Ms. Lisa Stopp
Acting Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees
2450 South Muskogee Ave.
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Subject: Proposed Interstate 73 (I-73) Correspondence

Dear Ms. Stopp:

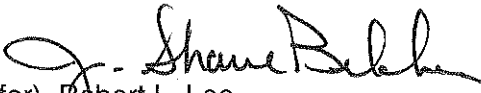
As a follow up to our conversation on April 24, 2006 I am forwarding you all the written correspondence that has been sent to the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees regarding the proposed I-73 project in South Carolina for your records. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) did not receive a formal response from the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees but has included the tribe as an interested party based on an e-mail from Mr. Archie Mouse dated November 10, 2004 (attached).

At this time a preferred alternative has not been identified. The FHWA does hope to issue the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) later this month which will identify a preferred alternative. Once the draft cultural report and DEIS has been submitted to FHWA we will forward the tribe copies for review. This project does lie outside of the Cherokee ancestral lands for South Carolina as noted on our recently signed consultation agreement. Unless we are notified that the United Keetoowahs are no longer interested in this project we will continue to consult and provide updates.

As mentioned on the phone an interactive web site has been developed for the proposed project and can be viewed at www.I73inSC.com. The site contains maps and status reports for the proposed project.

Please do not hesitate to forward any comments or questions you may have to this office to Mr. Shane Belcher at 803-253-3187 or by e-mail at

Sincerely yours,


(for) Robert L. Lee
Division Administrator

Attachments

Cc: Mr. Wayne Hall, SCDOT
Mr. Mitchell Metts, SCDOT
Mr. Skip Johnson, The LPA Group

File: 47.205B

Catawba Indian Nation
Tribal Historic Preservation Office
P. O. Box 750
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29731
803-328-2427 Fax 803-328-5791

THPO #2006-133-1 c



14 November 2005

Attention: Shane Belcher
1835 Assembly Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: HAD-SC

FHWA THPO number 2006-133-1 I-73

Project Scoping: EIS for the proposed northern portion of I-73 in SC

Dear Shane,

Thank you for your update on the proposed Interstate-73 project in South Carolina. We will look forward to the cultural report.

Early historic and pre-contact ceded homelands of the Siouan speaking Indians, which include the Catawba, covered much of the Piedmont region of North and South Carolina, as well as southern Virginia. **The Catawba are to be notified if Native American archaeological sites and / or human remains are located during the construction phase of this project.** The Catawba expect to be consulted with regard to the anticipated impact and final disposition of these sites. In addition, a copy of any final survey report is to be sent to our office.

If you have questions please feel free to contact our office 803-328-2427, Beckee Garris, ext. 232 or Sandra Reinhardt, ext 233.

Sincerely,

Sandra Reinhardt

for Wenonah G. Haire
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Gilbert Blue, Chief, Catawba Indian Nation
Executive Committee, Catawba Indian Nation
John E. George, Traditional Medicine, Catawba Indian Nation



SHAWNEE TRIBE

P.O. Box 189 + MIAMI, OK 74355

918-542-2441 + FAX: 918-542-2922

November 16, 2004

FHWA South Carolina
Division Administrator/Mr. Robert L. Lee
1835 Assembly Street
Suite 1270
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Lee,

Enclosed you will find the questioner completed, of the letter sent to our office dated September 9, 2004.

Any correspondence you should require, please contact our tribal administrator, Rebecca Hawkins.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Dick/Admin. Assist.



interest in attending a meeting or the project in general by checking the appropriate box below and returning this letter. Feel free to contact Mr. J. Shane Belcher of my staff at 803-253-3187 if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Lee
Division Administrator



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NO: We do not have an interest in this project.

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Belcher, Jeffrey

From: Stephen mouse
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2004 12:55 PM
To: Belcher, Jeffrey
Subject: RE: Proposed Interstate 73 in South Carolina - message from Federal Hwy. Adm. So

Mr. Belcher My name is Stephen " Archie" Mouse" and currentley I am the NAGPRA OFFICER for the United Keetoowah BAnd and I did not recieve the communica between yourself and Chief Proctor. We would be very interested in your roads proposal and if it would mean a consultation please let us know and also who else may be invited , Thank you--archie--UKB

>From: "Belcher, Jeffrey"

>To:

>Subject: Proposed Interstate 73 in South Carolina - message from

>Federal

>Hwy. Adm. South Carolina

>Date: Tue, 9 Nov 2004 12:53:37 -0500

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>cultural or historic resources of interest to the Tribe.

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>If the Tribe has no interest in projects within the State of South
>Carolina, that information would be useful for future correspondence.

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>Thank you,

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>J. Shane Belcher

>Environmental Coordinator

>FHWA-SC

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for Robert L. Lee
Division Administrator

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*Chief Fort Henry, Clerk
Tulscarora Nation
2006 Mt. Hope Rd
via: Lewiston, NY 14092*

Belcher, Jeffrey

From: Belcher, Jeffrey

Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2004 2:18 PM

To:

Cc:

Subject: Proposed Interstate 73 in South Carolina - message from Federal Hwy. Adm. South Carolina

This is a follow-up e-mail to correspondence that was sent to Governor Annotubby in September (Attached). The letter discussed a proposed interstate in South Carolina and requested if the Chickasaw Nation would like to meet with South Carolina officials to discuss the project or if the Nation would simply be interested in the project or have information that would help ensure avoidance of any traditional cultural or historic resources of interest to the Nation. Also, attached is a map of the project study area.

If the Chickasaw Nation has no interest in projects within the State of South Carolina, that information would be useful for future correspondence.

Thank you,

J. Shane Belcher
Environmental Coordinator
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Belcher, Jeffrey

From: Belcher, Jeffrey

Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2004 2:09 PM

To:

Subject: Proposed Interstate 73 in South Carolina - message from Federal Hwy. Adm. South Carolina

This is a follow-up e-mail to correspondence that was sent to Chairman Cypress in September (Attached). The letter discussed a proposed interstate in South Carolina and requested if the Seminole Tribe of Florida would like to meet with South Carolina officials to discuss the project or if the Tribe would simply be interested in the project or have information that would help ensure avoidance of any traditional cultural or historic resources of interest to the Tribe. Also, attached is a map of the project study area.

If the Seminole Tribe of Florida has no interest in projects within the State of South Carolina, that information would be useful for future correspondence.

Thank you,

J. Shane Belcher

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11/9/2004

Belcher, Jeffrey

From: Belcher, Jeffrey

Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2004 2:02 PM

To:

Subject: Proposed Interstate 73 in South Carolina - message from Federal Hwy. Adm. South Carolina

This is a follow-up e-mail to correspondence that was sent to Principal Chief Chambers in September (Attached). The letter discussed a proposed interstate in South Carolina and requested if the Seminole Nation would like to meet with South Carolina officials to discuss the project or if the Nation would simply be interested in the project or have information that would help ensure avoidance of any traditional cultural or historic resources of interest to the Nation. Also, attached is a map of the project study area.

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Thank you,

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11/9/2004

Belcher, Jeffrey

From: Belcher, Jeffrey
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2004 1:52 PM
To:
Cc:
Subject: Proposed Interstate 73 in South Carolina - message from Federal Hwy. Adm. South Carolina

This is a follow-up e-mail to correspondence that was sent to Chairman Sparkman in September (Attached). The letter discussed a proposed interstate in South Carolina and requested if the Shawnee Tribe would like to meet with South Carolina officials to discuss the project or if the Tribe would simply be interested in the project or have information that would help ensure avoidance of any traditional cultural or historic resources of interest to the Tribe. Also, attached is a map of the project study area.

If the Shawnee Tribe has no interest in projects within the State of South Carolina, that information would be useful for future correspondence.

Thank you,

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11/9/2004

Belcher, Jeffrey

From: Belcher, Jeffrey

Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2004 1:45 PM

To:

Subject: Proposed Interstate 73 in South Carolina - message from Federal Hwy. Adm. South Carolina

This is a follow-up e-mail to correspondence that was sent to Chief Tullis in September (Attached). The letter discussed a proposed interstate in South Carolina and requested if the Poarch Band of Creek Indians would like to meet with South Carolina officials to discuss the project or if the Tribe would simply be interested in the project or have information that would help ensure avoidance of any traditional cultural or historic resources of interest to the Tribe. Also, attached is a map of the project study area.

If the Poarch Band of Creek Indians has no interest in projects within the State of South Carolina, that information would be useful for future correspondence.

Thank you,

J. Shane Belcher

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Thank you,

J. Shane Belcher

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Belcher, Jeffrey

From: Belcher, Jeffrey

Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2004 1:27 PM

To:

Subject: Proposed Interstate 73 in South Carolina - message from Federal Hwy. Adm. South Carolina

This is a follow-up e-mail to correspondence that was sent to Chief Pyle in September (Attached). The letter discussed a proposed interstate in South Carolina and requested if the Choctaw Nation would like to meet with South Carolina officials to discuss the project or if the Nation would simply be interested in the project or have information that would help ensure avoidance of any traditional cultural or historic resources of interest to the Nation. Also, attached is a map of the project study area.

If the Choctaw Nation has no interest in projects within the State of South Carolina, that information would be useful for future correspondence.

Thank you,

J. Shane Belcher

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Belcher, Jeffrey

From: Belcher, Jeffrey

Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2004 1:20 PM

To:

Cc:

Subject: Proposed Interstate 73 in South Carolina - message from Federal Hwy. Adm. South Carolina

This is a follow-up e-mail to correspondence that was sent to Chief Smith in September (Attached). The letter discussed a proposed interstate in South Carolina and requested if the Cherokee Nation would like to meet with South Carolina officials to discuss the project or if the Nation would simply be interested in the project or have information that would help ensure avoidance of any traditional cultural or historic resources of interest to the Nation. Also, attached is a map of the project study area.

If the Cherokee Nation has no interest in projects within the State of South Carolina, that information would be useful for future correspondence.

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11/9/2004

Belcher, Jeffrey

From: Belcher, Jeffrey

Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2004 1:05 PM

To:

Cc:

Subject: Proposed Interstate 73 in South Carolina - message from Federal Hwy. Adm. South Carolina

This is a follow-up e-mail to correspondence that was sent to Lt. Governor Blanchard in September (Attached). The letter discussed a proposed interstate in South Carolina and requested if the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe would like to meet with South Carolina officials to discuss the project or if the Tribe would simply be interested or have information that would help ensure avoidance of any traditional cultural or historic resources of interest to the Tribe. Also, attached is a map of the project study area.

If the Tribe has no interest in projects within the State of South Carolina, that information would be useful for future correspondence.

Thank you,

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Belcher, Jeffrey

From: Belcher, Jeffrey

Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2004 12:54 PM

To:

Subject: Proposed Interstate 73 in South Carolina - message from Federal Hwy. Adm. South Carolina

This is a follow-up e-mail to correspondence that was sent to Chief Proctor in September (Attached). The letter discussed a proposed interstate in South Carolina and requested if the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians would like to meet with South Carolina officials to discuss the project or if the Tribe would simply be interested or have information that would help ensure avoidance of any traditional cultural or historic resources of interest to the Tribe.

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Thank you,

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Belcher, Jeffrey

From: Belcher, Jeffrey

Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2004 12:46 PM

To:

Subject: Proposed Interstate 73 in South Carolina - message from Federal Hwy. Adm. South Carolina

This is a follow-up e-mail to correspondence that was sent to Chief Ellis in September (Attached). The letter discussed a proposed interstate in South Carolina and requested if the Muscogee (Creek) Nation would like to meet with South Carolina officials to discuss the project or if the Nation would simply be interested or have information that would help ensure avoidance of any traditional cultural or historic resources of interest to the Nation.

If the Muscogee Nation has no interest in projects within the State of South Carolina, that information would be useful for future correspondence.

Thank you,

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11/9/2004



1835 Assembly Street
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Date: November 4, 2004

In Reply Refer To:
HDA-SC

Chief Leo R. Henry
Tuscarora Nation
2006 Mt. Hope Road
Lewiston, NY 14092

Subject: Proposed Interstate 73 Project in South Carolina Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Chief Henry:

Thank you for your response to our consultation letter dated September 9, 2004. In your response, you indicated that the Tuscarora Nation would like to meet with South Carolina representatives to discuss the subject project. It is our understanding that Mr. Rick Hill is the cultural and historic resources contact for the Tuscarora Nation. We have attempted to contact Mr. Hill on several occasions to discuss setting up a meeting but have been unsuccessful. Please let us know if you would prefer us to contact you personally to discuss the project. If Mr. Hill is not the appropriate contact for the Tuscarora Nation, please provide us with a contact name and phone number or e-mail address so we may discuss the project with that person.

Thank you for your assistance on this project. Please feel free to call this office at 803-253-3187 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely yours,


(for) Robert L. Lee
Division Administrator

Attachment

Cc: Mr. Mitchell Metts, SCDOT Project Manager
Mr. Wayne Hall, SCDOT Environmental Manager
Mr. Skip Johnson, The LPA Group

File: 47.205B



1835 Assembly Street
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Columbia, SC 29201

Date: September 9, 2004

In Reply Refer To:
HDA-SC

Chief Gregory E. Pyle
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Post Office Drawer 1210
Durant, OK 74702

Subject: Project Scoping Meeting for I-73 in South Carolina
Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Chief Pyle:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the lead federal agency for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Interstate 73 in South Carolina, would like to discuss the project with the federally recognized tribes that hold interests in the state. The FHWA would like to hold a meeting with all interested tribes at once to discuss the project in general and to gather information on tribal concerns you may have. Please let our office know if this type of meeting would be useful to your tribe. If there are other means by which your tribe would like to be involved in the project, that information would also be useful. The project is in its early stages of developing the EIS and any information you could provide would be of interest.

Plans are for the new interstate to extend from the North Carolina/South Carolina border near US 1 to the Conway/Myrtle Beach area, a distance of approximately 80 miles. The study area for the project is a portion of northeast South Carolina that includes four counties, Marlboro, Dillon, Marion, and Horry (see study area map and fact sheet attached).

The EIS for this proposed new interstate is being prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended; the Council on Environmental Quality regulation implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508); Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act; and, the FHWA environmental impact and related procedures (23 CFR 771).

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Sincerely yours,

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for Robert L. Lee
Division Administrator

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1835 Assembly Street
Suite 1270
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Date: September 9, 2004

In Reply Refer To:
HDA-SC

Chief Christine Norris
Jena Band of Choctaw Indians
Post Office Box 14
Jena, LA 71342

Subject: Project Scoping Meeting for I-73 in South Carolina
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Dear Chief Norris:

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Date: September 9, 2004

In Reply Refer To:
HDA-SC

Mr. Gilbert Blue
The Catawba Indian Nation
P.O. Box 188
Catawba, SC 29704

Subject: Project Scoping Meeting for I-73 in South Carolina
Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Blue:

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Date: September 9, 2004

In Reply Refer To:
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Principal Chief Chadwick Smith
Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
Post Office Box 948
Tahlequah, OK 74465

Subject: Project Scoping Meeting for I-73 in South Carolina
Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Principal Chief Smith:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the lead federal agency for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Interstate 73 in South Carolina, would like to discuss the project with the federally recognized tribes that hold interests in the state. The FHWA would like to hold a meeting with all interested tribes at once to discuss the project in general and to gather information on tribal concerns you may have. Please let our office know if this type of meeting would be useful to your tribe. If there are other means by which your tribe would like to be involved in the project, that information would also be useful. The project is in its early stages of developing the EIS and any information you could provide would be of interest.

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Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Post Office Box 350q
Seneca, MO 64865

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Muscogee (Creek) Nation
Highway 75, Loop 56
Post Office Box 580
Okmulgee, OK 74447

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Poarch Band of Creek Indians
HCR 69A
Post Office Box 85B
Atmore, AL 36502

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Chairman Ron Sparkman
Shawnee Tribe
P.O. Box 189
Miami, OK 74355

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Lt. Governor Kenneth Blanchard
Abesentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801

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Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
Post Office Box 1498
Wewoka, OK 74884

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Seminole Tribe of Florida
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Hollywood, FL 33024

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Post Office Box 1548
Ada, OK 74821-1548

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Tahlequah, OK 74465-0746

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Shawnee Tribe
21 N. 8 Tribes Trail
Miami, OK 74354

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Chief Christine Norris
Jena Band of Choctaw Indians
Post Office Box 14
Jena, LA 71342

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Sincerely yours,


for Robert L. Lee
Division Administrator

- YES: We would like to meet with officials from South Carolina to discuss this project.
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Date: September 9, 2004

In Reply Refer To:
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Chief Dallas Proctor
United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians of Oklahoma
Post Office Box 746
Tahlequah, OK 74465-0746

Subject: Project Scoping Meeting for I-73 in South Carolina
Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Chief Proctor:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the lead federal agency for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Interstate 73 in South Carolina, would like to discuss the project with the federally recognized tribes that hold interests in the state. The FHWA would like to hold a meeting with all interested tribes at once to discuss the project in general and to gather information on tribal concerns you may have. Please let our office know if this type of meeting would be useful to your tribe. If there are other means by which your tribe would like to be involved in the project, that information would also be useful. The project is in its early stages of developing the EIS and any information you could provide would be of interest.

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Chief Gregory E. Pyle
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Post Office Drawer 1210
Durant, OK 74702

Subject: Project Scoping Meeting for I-73 in South Carolina
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Dear Chief Pyle:

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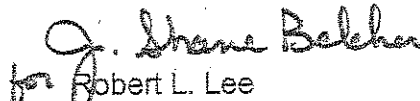
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general by checking the appropriate box below and returning this letter. Feel free to contact Mr. J. Shane Belcher of my staff at 803-253-3187 if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,


for Robert L. Lee
Division Administrator

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Principal Chief Chadwick Smith
Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
Post Office Box 948
Tahlequah, OK 74465

Subject: Project Scoping Meeting for I-73 in South Carolina
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Dear Principal Chief Smith:

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Chairman Ron Sparkman
Shawnee Tribe
P.O. Box 189
Miami, OK 74355

Subject: Project Scoping Meeting for I-73 in South Carolina
Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Chairman Sparkman:

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Chairman Eddie Tullis
Poarch Band of Creek Indians
HCR 69A
Post Office Box 85B
Atmore, AL 36502

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