

Appendix D
Tribal Nation Consultation



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July 29, 2016

Alvin Windy Boy, Sr., Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation of Montana
CCCRPD
P.O. Box 230
Box Elder, Montana 59521

Re: River Erosion Slope Stabilization Project in Allegan County, Michigan (DR-4195.13)

Dear Mr. Windy Boy:

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Proposed Project Scope

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If you have questions or information that will help us protect properties having cultural importance, do not hesitate to contact me at 312-408-5438 or nicholas.mueller@fema.dhs.gov. We would appreciate a response by mail or email from your office within thirty (30) days. If we receive no response within that time, we will assume that this project has no impact to TCPs of interest to the

Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation of Montana and will move forward with the project.

Sincerely,

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Nicholas Mueller
Regional Environmental Officer
FEMA Region V

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July 29, 2016

David K. Sprague, Chairman
Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan
2872 Mission Drive
Shelbyville, Michigan 49344

Re: River Erosion Slope Stabilization Project in Allegan County, Michigan (DR-4195.13)

Dear Chairman Sprague:

The purpose of this communication is to provide background regarding the captioned undertaking and to initiate consultation on any potential impacts in areas traditionally used by or sacred to the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan or other Native American groups.

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Nicholas Mueller
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July 29, 2016

Kelli Mosteller, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Citizen Potawatomi Nation
1601 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801

Re: River Erosion Slope Stabilization Project in Allegan County, Michigan (DR-4195.13)

Dear Ms. Mosteller:

The purpose of this communication is to provide background regarding the captioned undertaking and to initiate consultation on any potential impacts in areas traditionally used by or sacred to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation or other Native American groups.

Proposed Project Scope

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Sincerely,

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Nicholas Mueller
Regional Environmental Officer
FEMA Region V

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July 29, 2016

Kenneth Meshigaud, Chairperson
Hannahville Indian Community
N14911 Hannahville B1 Road
Wilson, Michigan 49896-9728

Re: River Erosion Slope Stabilization Project in Allegan County, Michigan (DR-4195.13)

Dear Chairperson Meshigaud:

The purpose of this communication is to provide background regarding the captioned undertaking and to initiate consultation on any potential impacts in areas traditionally used by or sacred to the Hannahville Indian Community or other Native American groups.

Proposed Project Scope

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In order to meet its responsibilities to protect such properties, FEMA would like to know whether this federal undertaking may have potential impacts on lands traditionally used by or sacred to the Hannahville Indian Community or other Native American groups. We understand the sensitive nature of much of the information regarding TCPs and assure you in advance that any information you provide will be considered privileged and confidential. In order to safeguard cultural resources or TCPs of interest to Native Americans, we are contacting the following Tribes requesting information regarding their interests in the affected county:

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Nicholas Mueller
Regional Environmental Officer
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July 29, 2016

Jason S Wesaw, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
PO Box 180
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Re: River Erosion Slope Stabilization Project in Allegan County, Michigan (DR-4195.13)

Dear Mr. Wesaw:

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Nicholas Mueller
Regional Environmental Officer
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July 29, 2016

Melissa Cook, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Forest County Potawatomi Community of Wisconsin
Cultural Center, Library & Museum
8130 Mishkoswen Drive, PO Box 340
Crandon, Wisconsin 54520

Re: River Erosion Slope Stabilization Project in Allegan County, Michigan (DR-4195.13)

Dear Ms. Cook:

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Sincerely,

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Nicholas Mueller
Regional Environmental Officer
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July 29, 2016

Rhonda Hayworth, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma
13 South 69A
Miami, Oklahoma 74354

Re: River Erosion Slope Stabilization Project in Allegan County, Michigan (DR-4195.13)

Dear Ms. Hayworth:

The purpose of this communication is to provide background regarding the captioned undertaking and to initiate consultation on any potential impacts in areas traditionally used by or sacred to the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma or other Native American groups.

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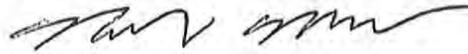
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Nicholas Mueller
Regional Environmental Officer
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July 29, 2016

Liana Onnen, Chairman
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
16281 Q Road
Mayetta, Kansas 66509

Re: River Erosion Slope Stabilization Project in Allegan County, Michigan (DR-4195.13)

Dear Chairman Onnen:

The purpose of this communication is to provide background regarding the captioned undertaking and to initiate consultation on any potential impacts in areas traditionally used by or sacred to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation or other Native American groups.

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Consultation with Tribal Nations

FEMA recognizes the special and unique legal relationship that exists between the Federal Government and federally-recognized American Indian Tribes (Tribes). FEMA also recognizes that Tribes may attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties located on aboriginal, ancestral or ceded lands that are not contiguous with reservation lands. For this reason, FEMA consults with Tribes regarding the possible effects of FEMA-funded undertakings on cultural properties of historic or traditional significance, referred to as Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs).

In order to meet its responsibilities to protect such properties, FEMA would like to know whether this federal undertaking may have potential impacts on lands traditionally used by or sacred to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation or other Native American groups. We understand the sensitive nature of much of the information regarding TCPs and assure you in advance that any information you provide will be considered privileged and confidential. In order to safeguard cultural resources or TCPs of interest to Native Americans, we are contacting the following Tribes requesting information regarding their interests in the affected county:

- Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation of Montana, Box Elder, MT
- Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan, Shelbyville, MI
- Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Shawnee, OK
- Hannahville Indian Community, Wilson, MI
- Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Dowagiac, MI
- Forest County Potawatomi Community of Wisconsin, Crandon, WI
- Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma, Miami, OK
- Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Mayetta, KS

Receiving information from you regarding any areas of interest to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, or notice of Tribes other than those listed above that may have an interest in the designated counties would improve FEMA's efforts to protect resources that may exist in the areas noted on the enclosed maps.

If you have questions or information that will help us protect properties having cultural importance, do not hesitate to contact me at 312-408-5438 or nicholas.mueller@fema.dhs.gov. We would appreciate a response by mail or email from your office within thirty (30) days. If we receive no response within that time, we will assume that this project has no impact to TCPs of interest to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and will move forward with the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Mueller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

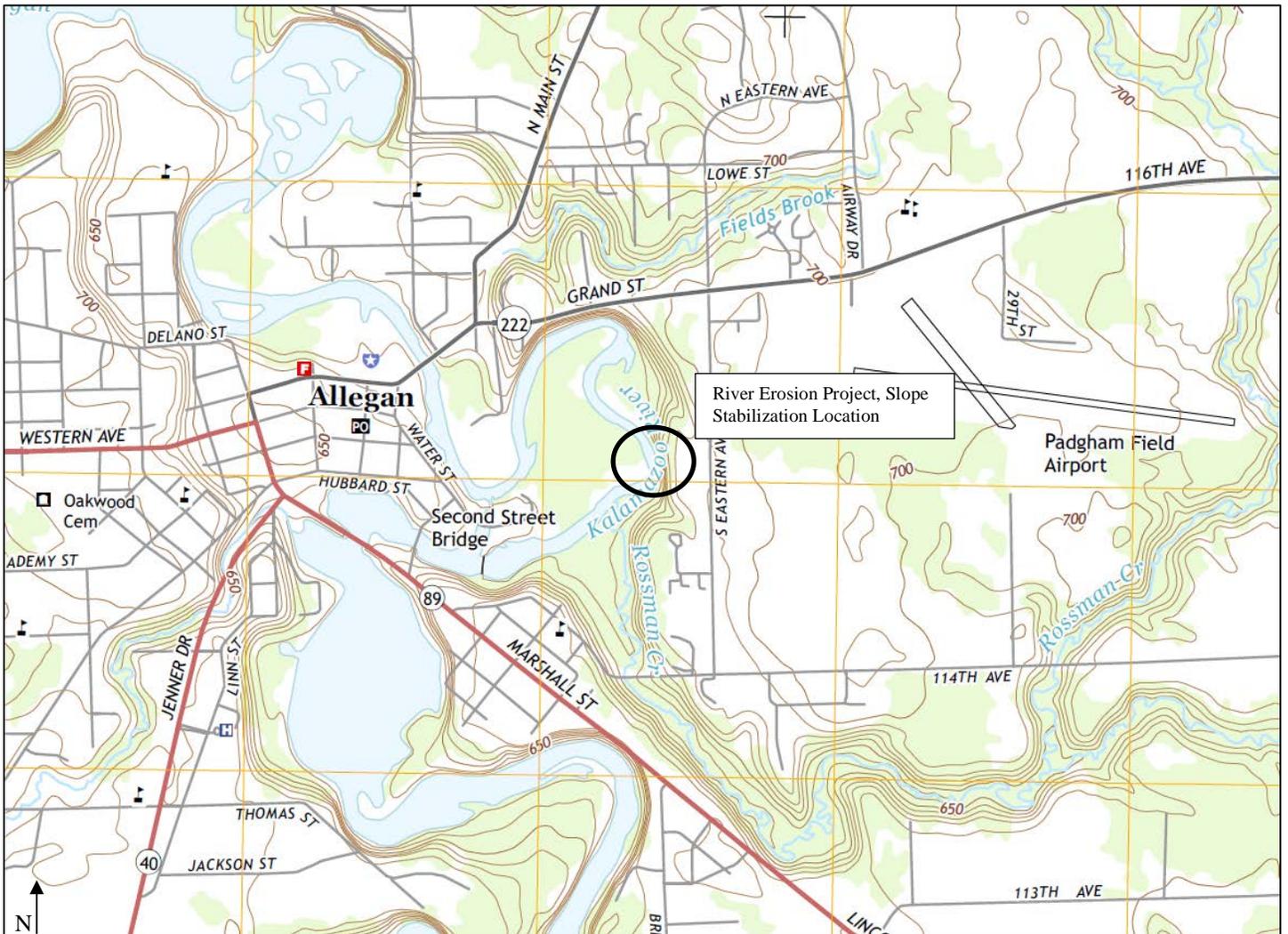
Nicholas Mueller
Regional Environmental Officer
FEMA Region V

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State of Michigan with Allegan County in red

Source: World Atlas
(accessed at <http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/namerica/usstates/counties/micountymap.htm> on July 28, 2016)



Approximate project locations depicted with black circles on the *Allegan, MI* 7.5-minute topographic map (2014)

Source: USGS Map Locator and Downloader (accessed at [http://store.usgs.gov/b2c_usgs/usgs/maplocator/\(ctype=areaDetails&xcm=r3standardpitrex_prd&care=%24ROOT&layout=6_1_61_48&uiarea=2\)/.do](http://store.usgs.gov/b2c_usgs/usgs/maplocator/(ctype=areaDetails&xcm=r3standardpitrex_prd&care=%24ROOT&layout=6_1_61_48&uiarea=2)/.do) on July 28, 2016)



Approximate project locations depicted on an aerial photographs (2016 imagery)

Source: Google Maps (accessed at <http://maps.google.com> on July 28, 2016)