



## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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August 12, 2020

**TO:** Master Files

**FROM:**  John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division 

**SUBJECT:** Job Number 061634  
FAP Number STPF-4359(2)  
Pulaski Co. Line – Monroe Co. Line (Sel. Secs.) (S)  
Route 70, Sections 14, 15, & 16  
Lonoke & Prairie Counties  
Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion

After appropriate environmental review, it has been determined that the subject job is a Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion as described by the ARDOT/FHWA Programmatic Agreement on Categorical Exclusion Documentation and Processing. A public hearing will not be offered for this project.

The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate 37.7 miles of Highway 70 in Lonoke and Prairie Counties. The project will include a 1" level and overlay, mill and inlay, and patching with 2" level and overlay in certain sections. All work will occur within the existing right of way. A project location map is attached.

The project will not involve relocations, prime farmlands, wetlands, underground storage tanks, hazardous materials, any environmental justice issues, or cultural resources. This project has been determined to generate minimal air quality impacts for Clean Air Act criteria pollutants and has not been linked with any special mobile source air toxic concerns. The State Historic Preservation Officer's clearance is attached.

The official species list obtained from the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Information for Planning and Consultation website identified the Eastern Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis ssp. jamaicensis*), Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*),

Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*), Fat Pocketbook (*Potamilus capax*), Pink Mucket (*Lampsilis abrupta*), Rabbitsfoot (*Theliderma cylindrica*), rattlesnake-master borer moth (*Papaipema eryngii*), pondberry (*Lindera melissifolia*), and running buffalo clover (*Trifolium stoloniferum*) as threatened and endangered species potentially occurring within the project area. Due to the scope of the project and distance to known species occurrences, it has been determined that the proposed project will have “no effect” on the aforementioned federally listed species.

A Section 404 Permit will not be required for this project.

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Attachments:

- Project Location Map
- SHPO Clearance
- Environmental Study Checklist

c: Program Management  
Right of Way  
Roadway Design  
District 6  
FHWA





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July 27, 2020

Secretary Stacy Hurst  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
1100 North Street  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

AHPP  
JUL 27 2020

RE: Pavement Preservation Jobs  
Route 70, Various Routes  
Various Counties


Dear Secretary Hurst:

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) proposes to resurface the existing paved surfaces of various sections of Highway 70. All work will occur inside the existing ARDOT right-of-way. Jobs with these types of activities are referred to as pavement preservation.

These activities are not covered by the existing 1999 Memorandum of Agreement when historic properties are on or adjacent to the project. As agreed upon during phone correspondence with Eric Mills on January 15, 2020, the table on the following page is presented to address the pavement preservation jobs with recorded historic properties and National Register of Historic Places unevaluated archeological sites, cemeteries, and bridges. It is ARDOT's opinion that these jobs have no potential to cause effect to historic properties pursuant to 36 CFR 800.3(1).

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Milton Hughes of my staff at (501) 569-2080.

Date 7.31.20  
No known historic properties will be affected by this undertaking. This effect determination could change should new information come to light.  
for Eric Mills  
Arkansas State Historic Preservation Officer

Sincerely,  
  
for John Fleming  
Division Head  
Environmental Division

JF:KB:MH:cb

**ARDOT ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFICATION CHECKLIST  
FOR CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS**

ARDOT Job Number 061634 FAP Number STPF-4359(2)

Job Title Pulaski Co. Line – Monroe Co. Line (Sel. Secs.) (S)

Environmental Resource	None	Minimal	Major	Comments-required for each item
Air Quality	X			No air quality/MSAT impacts
Cultural Resources	X			SHPO clearance attached
Economic	X			No adverse impacts
Endangered Species	X			A “no effect” determination was made
Environmental Justice/Title VI	X			No impacts anticipated
Fish and Wildlife	X			No impacts due to scope of the project
Floodplains	X			None impacted by project
Forest Service Property	X			None in project area
Hazardous Materials/Landfills	X			No sites in project area
Land Use	X			Will not be impacted by project
Migratory Birds	X			No impacts anticipated
Navigation/Coast Guard	X			No navigable waterways involved
Noise Levels	X			No increases due to project
Prime Farmland	X			None in project area
Protected Waters	X			None occur in project area
Public Recreation Lands	X			None in project area
Public Water Supply/WHPA	X			No impacts expected
Relocatees	X			No relocations
Section 4(f)/6(f)	X			4f resources not present
Social	X			No impacts to the social environment
Underground Storage Tanks	X			No USTs in project area
Visual	X			No changes to visual environment
Streams	X			No impacts anticipated
Water Quality	X			None in the project area
Wetlands	X			None in the project area
Wildlife Refuges	X			None in the project area

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Required? No  
 Short-term Activity Authorization Required? No  
 Section 404 Permit Required? No Type N/A

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature of Evaluator  Date 8/11/2020