


**ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

**INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**April 4, 2017**

**TO:** Master Files

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

**SUBJECT:** May 2017 Pavement Preservation Program Projects  
Multiple Job and FAP Numbers  
Various Counties  
Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion

The Environmental Division has reviewed the referenced projects and determined that the subject jobs fall under a Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion as described by the AHTD/FHWA Memorandum of Agreement on Categorical Exclusion Documentation and Processing.

The purpose of these projects is to preserve and rehabilitate the highways. A table listing the projects, their locations, and type of work involved is attached, along with cultural resources clearances. No endangered species will be affected by the proposed projects. No Section 404 permits will be required. A Public hearings will not be offered for these projects.

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**Attachments:**

List of Projects  
Section 106 Clearances  
Environmental Study Checklist

c: Program Management  
Right of Way  
Districts 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10  
FHWA

## May 2017 Pavement Preservation Projects

JOB NO.	FAP NO.	COUNTY	JOB NAME	ROUTE	TYPE OF WORK
020636	STPR-0002(34)	Ashley	Hwy. 133S - Hwy. 189 (Sel. Secs.) (S)	Hwy. 133	Mill & Inlay
040730	STPF-0065(51)	Sebastian	Hwy. 10 - Hwy. 45 (S)	Hwy. 253	UTBWC
050363	STPF-0034(46)	Jackson	Hwy. 367 Impvts. (Tuckerman) (S)	Hwy. 367	Mill and Inlay/Fog Shoulders
050366	STPF-0033(26)	Izard	Hwy. 69B - Independence Co. Line (S)	Hwy. 69	UTBWC
080553	STPF-0023(53)	Faulkner	Conway - Saltillo (S)	Hwy. 286	Overlay
080556	STPF-0036(22)	Johnson	Co. Rd. 2530 - Big Piney Creek (Knoxville) (S)	Hwy. 64	Mill & Inlay
090491	NHPE-5164(2)	Newton/Searcy	Western Grove - St. Joe (S)	Hwy. 65	Overlay
100923	STPF-0011(48)	Clay	Little Cache River - East (S)	Hwy. 62	Overlay
100914	STPF-9227(73)	Craighead	Hwy. 91 - North (Jonesboro) (S)	Hwy. 141	UTBWC/Polymer & Joint
100943	STPF-0016(72)	Craighead	Hwys. 18 & 139 (Sel. Secs.) (Monette) (S)	Hwys. 18 & 139	Mill & Inlay/Overlay

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**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**September 14, 2016**

**TO:** Job File

**FROM:** Jason Eads, Cultural Resources Section, Environmental Division

**SUBJECT:** Archeological Clearance  
Job Number 020636  
Hwy. 133S-Co. Rd. 16 (S)  
Ashley County

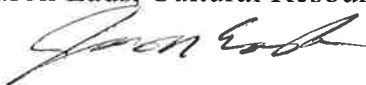
This job proposes to overlay an existing 4.3 miles of road surface with asphalt pavement on Highway 133, north of Crossett in Ashley County. A records check at the Arkansas Archeological Survey shows no sites in or near the right-of-way (ROW). No cultural indicators were found on the 1842 General Land Office map in or near the project. The 1936 Ashley County road map shows several structures along the route. No recorded historic structures are shown on the AHPP structure database in or near the ROW. The project will require no new ROW. All work will be within the existing ROW and the extremely limited scope of the project does not have the potential to affect any undisturbed land surfaces or potential historic properties. This project is subject to the 1999 MOA and falls under the exempted Work Category "Resurfacing." The project is not considered an undertaking and requires no further work or Section 106 review.

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**September 14, 2016**

**TO:** Job File

**FROM:** Jason Eads, Cultural Resources Section, Environmental Division  


**SUBJECT:** Archeological Clearance  
Job Number 040730  
Hwy. 10-Hwy. 45 (S)  
Sebastian County

This job proposes to overlay an existing 8.82 miles of road surface with asphalt pavement on Highway 253, between Midland and Excelsior in Sebastian County. A records check at the Arkansas Archeological Survey shows one site near the right-of-way (ROW). One cultural indicator, "Road from Sugar Loaf Valley to Fort Smith," was found on the 1841 General Land Office map near the project. The 1936 Sebastian County road map shows several structures along the route. No recorded historic structures are shown on the AHPP structure database in or near the ROW. The project will require no new ROW. All work will be within the existing ROW and the extremely limited scope of the project does not have the potential to affect any undisturbed land surfaces or potential historic properties. This project is subject to the 1999 MOA and falls under the exempted Work Category "Resurfacing." The project is not considered an undertaking and requires no further work or Section 106 review.

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Mr. Robert Scoggin  
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program  
1100 North Street  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

RE: AHTD Job No. 050363  
Hwy. 367 Impvts. (Tuckerman)  
Jackson County

Dear Mr. Scoggin

A Project Identification Form for the referenced project is enclosed. Please review for concurrence with the findings of my staff. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Milton Hughes of my staff at (501) 569-2080.

Sincerely,

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John Fleming  
Division Head  
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This undertaking will have no  
adverse effect on historic properties.

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Frances McSwain, Deputy  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**January 27, 2017**

**TO:** Job File

**FROM:** Richard Jenkins, Cultural Resources 

**SUBJECT:** Archeological Clearance  
AHTD Job Number 050366  
Hwy. 69B – Independence Co. Line (S)  
Izard County

The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department proposes to rehabilitate a portion of Highway 69B in Izard County. No new right-of-way will be acquired.

An examination of the Arkansas Archeological Survey's (AAS) records was conducted for previously recorded archeological sites and identified two sites (3IZ292, 3IZ298) near the project, but these sites are outside of the area of potential effect (APE) and will not be impacted. A records evaluation at the Department of Arkansas Heritage (AHPP) for historic properties or National Register listed structures identified five properties (IZ0050, IZ0051, IZ0052, IZ0053, and IZ0054) near the project, but these resources are outside of the APE and will not be impacted. The Mt. Pleasant, Zion, and Sandtown topographic quadrangle maps were examined for cemeteries, likely historic structures, and landforms conducive to hold archeological sites and no cultural features were found along the project's route. The 1843 and 1844 General Land Office maps showed no cultural features near the project. The 1936 Izard County Highway map shows numerous structures near this project.

The proposed road improvements will occur in previously disturbed areas inside the current AHTD right-of-way. No cultural resources are expected to be impacted. This project is subject to the 1999 MOA and fall under the exempted Work Category "Resurfacing." The project is not considered an undertaking and requires no further work or Section 106 review.

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**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**March 3, 2017**

**TO:** Job File

**FROM:** Kristina Boykin, Environmental Division *K.B.*

**SUBJECT:** Archeological Clearance  
AHTD Job Number 080553  
Conway – Saltillo (S)  
Faulkner County

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department proposes to overlay Highway 286 for 6.13 miles from Conway to Saltillo in Faulkner County. No new right-of-way (ROW) will be acquired.

An examination of the Arkansas Archeological Survey's (AAS) records was conducted for previously recorded archeological sites. No previously recorded archeological sites are located within the project area. Several sites (3FA0009 through 3FA0012) are recorded nearby but are not adjacent to the existing ROW. The records check at the Department of Arkansas Heritage (AHPP) for National Register listed structures revealed no structures listed within the project area. Structure FA1325 (Martin Mayor Homestead) is eligible for inclusion to the National Register, but this structure is not adjacent to the existing ROW. FA1325 is recorded 79 meters to the south of the existing ROW fence along Highway 286. Also I examined the 1994 Conway and Hamlet topographic quad maps for cemeteries, likely historic structures, and landforms conducive to hold archeological sites within Sections 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 in Township 5 North, Range 13 West and in Sections 30 and 31 in Township 5 North, Range 12 West. The 1819 General Land Office (GLO) map had no cultural improvements or features found in the immediate vicinity of the project area. The 1855 GLO map had roads in Sections 22, 30, and 31 that were close to the project area but not directly within the project location. The 1936 Faulkner County Highway map has structures on both sides of the highway. One cemetery (Ray Cemetery) is noted to the north of the project area.

The proposed overlay will occur in already disturbed areas inside the current ROW. No cultural resources are expected to be impacted. This project is subject to the 1999 MOA and falls under the exempted Work Category "Resurfacing". The project is not considered an undertaking and requires no further work or Section 106 review.

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**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**March 9, 2017**

**TO:** Job File

**FROM:** Lane Shields, Environmental Division



**SUBJECT:** Archeological Clearance  
AHTD Job Number 080556  
Co. Rd. 2530-Big Piney Creek (Knoxville) (S)  
Hwy. 64, Sec. 5  
Johnson County

An archeological and historic records review was conducted for this project which includes the Arkansas Archeological Survey (AAS) site files of documented Native American and historical archeological sites, structures or features as well as the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) recorded structures and site/properties files. The National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility status is determined by the AHPP but presented in three databases. The NRHP status for archeological sites is in the AAS database, the status for formally recorded architectural sites is in the AHPP database and the AHTD tracks the status for bridges.

Other records reviewed include the General Land Office (GLO) plats for T8N-R22W (1838) and T9N-R22W (1838), the 1936 county highway map and a total of 20 United States Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangles from 1888 through 1993. No further archeological research or fieldwork work is recommended at this time.

There is one recorded archeological site, 3JO369, the Utley Cemetery, recorded near the corridor. This site is plotted on the USGS and is well to the east of the highway. One structural site, JO125, an NRHP eligible farmhouse, is located outside of Knoxville, well to the east of the highway.

As all work will take place on existing paved surfaces, and as the recorded cultural resources are well away from the highway and because there will be no earthwork



AHTD Job Number 080556  
Co. Rd. 2530-Big Piney Creek (Knoxville)(S)  
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involved, no cultural resources will be effected by this project. This project is subject to the 1999 MOA (enclosed) and falls under the exempted Work Category "Reconstruction". The project is not considered an undertaking and requires no further work or Section 106 review.

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

RE: AHTD Job No. 090491  
Western Grove-St. Joe (S)  
Newton & Searcy Counties

Dear Ms. Hurst:

A Project Identification Form for the referenced project is enclosed. Please review for concurrence with the findings of my staff. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Wm. Lane Shields of my staff at 501-569-2077.

Sincerely,

*Diana Wilks*  
for John Fleming  
Division Head  
Environmental Division

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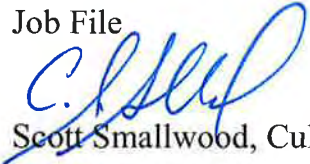
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No known historic properties will be affected by this undertaking. This effect determination could change should new information come to light.  
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Marian Boy  
Historic Preservation Officer

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**September 22, 2016**

**TO:** Job File  
  
**FROM:** Scott Smallwood, Cultural Resources Section, Environmental Division  
**SUBJECT:** Archeological Clearance  
Job Number 100914  
Hwy. 91–North (Jonesboro) (S)  
Craighead County

The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department proposes to resurface Highway 141 between Log Mile 0.10 to Log Mile 5.10 in Craighead County. No new right-of-way (ROW) will be acquired.

An examination of the Arkansas Archeological Survey's (AAS) records was conducted for previously recorded archeological sites located within 2 km search radius of the proposed project area. According to AAS records, 23 archeological sites — 3CG76, 3CG99, 3CG101, 3CG102, 3CG103, 3CG106, 3ICG123, 3CG160, 3CG178, 3CG216, 3CG276, 3CG277, 3CG291, 3CG591, 3CG644, 3CG645, 3CG926, 3CG928, 3CG935, 3CF974, 3CG1129, and 3CG1249 — have been recorded within 2 km of the project area. Of these, none of the previously recorded archeological sites are located immediately adjacent to or within the existing ROW. Based on a records check at the Department of Arkansas Heritage's Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) for National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) properties, one historic property, CG40, eligible for inclusion in the NRHP are located within a 2 km radius of the proposed project area. CG40 is located approximately 250 meters outside the eastern boundary of the ROW.

In addition to checking AAS and AHPP records, nineteenth through twentieth century maps were examined for cemeteries, likely historic structures, and landforms conducive to hold archeological sites. The 1819 General Land Office (GLO) survey maps of Township 14 North, Range 4 East and Township 15 North, Range 4 East show no cultural features or development within the vicinity of the project area. The

southern portion of the project area within the urban footprint of the City of Jonesboro, while the remainder project area is within a rural setting.

The proposed resurfacing will occur in already disturbed areas inside of the current ROW, and does not have the potential to affect any undisturbed land surfaces or potential cultural resources. This project is subject to the 1999 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and falls under the exempted work category "Resurfacing." This project is not considered an undertaking and requires no further work or Section 106 review.

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Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

RE: AHTD Job No. 100923  
Little Cache River -East (S)  
Clay County

Dear Mr. Scoggin:

Enclosed for your review is a Project Identification Form for the above referenced project. Please provide your effect finding as soon as possible. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Milton Hughes of my staff at (501) 569-2080.

Sincerely,

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John Fleming  
Division Head  
Environmental Division

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No known historic properties will be affected by this undertaking. This effect determination could change should any information come to light.

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Frances McSwain, Deputy State  
Historic Preservation Officer

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Re: AHTD Job No. 100943  
Hwys. 18 & 139 (Sel. Secs.)(Monette)(S)  
Hwy. 18, Sec. 4 & Hwy. 139, Sec. 1  
Craighead County

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Sincerely,

John Fleming  
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No known historic properties will be affected by the undertaking. This official determination could change should new information come to light.  
Marianne Boyd  
Historic Preservation Officer

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# AHTD ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSESSMENT FORM

AHTD Job Number See Table FAP Number See Table  
 Job Title See Table: May 2017 Pavement Preservation Projects

Environmental Impacts	None	Minor	Significant	Comments
Air Quality	X			
Construction Impacts		X		Temporary and minor during construction
Cultural Resources	X			Section 106 clearances attached
Economic	X			
Endangered Species	X			USFWS – “No Effect”
Energy Resources	X			
Environmental Justice/Title VI	X			
Fish and Wildlife	X			
Floodplains	X			
Forest Service Property	X			
Hazardous Materials/Landfills	X			
Land Use Impacts	X			
Migratory Birds	X			
Navigation/Coast Guard	X			
Noise Levels	X			
Prime Farmland	X			
Protected Waters	X			
Public Recreation Lands	X			
Public Water Supply/WHPA	X			SPs sent on jobs near PWS intakes
Relocates	X			
Section 4(f)/6(f)	X			
Social	X			
Underground Storage Tanks	X			
Visual Impacts	X			
Stream Impacts	X			
Water Quality	X			
Wetlands	X			
Wildlife Refuges	X			

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Required? No  
 Short-term Activity Authorization Required? No  
 Section 404 Permit Required? No Type None

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature of Evaluator Susan Staffeld Date March 28, 2017