



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: Master Files

FROM: John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division

SUBJECT: Job 020786
FAP STPC-0002(46)
Highways 133 & 169 (Sel. Secs.) (Crossett) (S)
Routes 133 & 169, Section 0
Ashley County
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 job is to mill & inlay/overlay approximately 3 miles of Highway 133 and level & chip seal approximately 0.8 mile of Highway 169 in Crossett, AR in Ashley County. All work will take place 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 cultural resources clearance is attached.

The official species lists obtained through the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Information for Planning and Consultation identified the following species as potentially occurring within the project area: Eastern Black Rail (*Laterallus*

jamaicensis ssp. jamaicensis), Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*), Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*), Red-cockaded Woodpecker (*Dryobates borealis*), and pondberry (*Lindera melissifolia*). This project will have “no effect” on the aforementioned federally species due to the limited scope of the action, lack of suitable habitat, and distance to known species locations.

This project will not have a discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States; therefore, a Section 404 permit will not be required.

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Attachments:

- Project Location Map
- Cultural Resources Clearance
- Environmental Study Checklist

c: Program Management
Right of Way
Roadway Design
District 2
FHWA