

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ROY COOPER GOVERNOR JAMES H. TROGDON, III Secretary

August 24, 2017

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 151 Patton Avenue, Room 208 Asheville, NC 28801-5006

ATTN: Ms. Loretta Beckwith NCDOT Coordinator

Subject: Application for Section 404 Nationwide Permits 23, and 33, for the Proposed Replacement of Bridge 3 on SR 1128 (Possum Trot Road) over Possumtrot Creek in Yancey County, Division 13, TIP No. B-4848, Federal Aid Project No. BRZ-1128(7), Debit \$570 from WBS# 38618.1.2.

Dear Ms. Beckwith:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to replace bridge number 3 on SR 112 (Possum Trot Road) over Possumtrot Creek in Yancey County with a double barrel (2 @ 13' X 5') reinforced concrete box culvert (RCBC). During construction, traffic will be maintained on the existing structure and roadway. Total permanent stream impacts are 229 lf, with 89 lf from the RCBC, and 140 lf from channel improvements. Temporary stream impacts associated with the channel improvements total 30 lf (<0.01 ac.).

Please see enclosed copies of the Pre-Construction Notification (PCN), DMS Acceptance Letter, Stormwater Management Plan, Permit Drawings, and Roadway Plan Sheets. A Categorical Exclusion (CE) was completed in October 2016 and distributed shortly thereafter. Additional copies are available upon request.

This project calls for a letting date of January 16, 2018 and a review date of November 28, 2017; however, the let date may advance as additional funding becomes available.

Pursuant to a July 30, 2013 letter from NCWRC, a moratorium prohibiting in-stream work and land disturbance with the 25-foot trout buffer is recommended from October 15 to April 15. Sediment and erosion control measure will adhere to the *Design Standards in Sensitive Watersheds*.

Website: www.ncdot.gov

A copy of this permit application and its distribution list will be posted on the NCDOT Website at: <u>http://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/Environmental</u>. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Bill Barrett at (919) 707-6103.

Sincerely,

Philip S. Harris III, P.E., C.P.M. Environmental Analysis Unit Head

cc: NCDOT Permit Application Standard Distribution List



Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) Form

For Nationwide Permits and Regional General Permits (along with corresponding Water Quality Certifications) June 28, 2017 Ver 1.8

Please note: fields marked with a red asterisk * below are required. You will not be able to submit the form until all mandatory questions are answered.

Below is a link to the DRAFT online help file.

http://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WaterResources/0/doc/549884/Page1.aspx

A. Processing Information

County (or Counties) where the project is located:*

Yancey

Is this project a public transportation project?*

• Yes • No

Is this a NCDOT Project?*

⊙ Yes ○ No

(NCDOT only) T.I.P. or state project number: B-4848

WBS #

38618.1.2 (for NCDOT use only)

1a. Type(s) of approval sought from the Corps:*

Section 404 Permit (wetlands, streams and waters, Clean Water Act)
 Section 10 Permit (navigable waters, tidal waters, Rivers and Harbors Act)

1b. What type(s) of permit(s) do you wish to seek authorization?*

Nationwide Permit (NWP)

Regional General Permit (RGP)

Nationwide Permit (NWP) Number:

23 - Categorical Exclusions

Nationwide Permit (NWP) Number:

33 - Temporary Construction

NWP Number Other:

List all NW numbers you are applying for not on the drop down list.

1c. Type(s) of approval sought from the DWR:*

check all that apply		
✓ 401 Water Quality Certification -	Regular	401 Water Quality Certification - Express
Non-404 Jurisdictional General F	Permit	Riparian Buffer Authorization
		*
1d. Is this notification solely for	the record becaus	ie in the second s
written approval is not required	?	
For the record only for DWR 401	Certification:	© Yes ⊙ No
For the record only for Corps Pe	ermit:	O Yes O No
1e. Is payment into a mitigation	bank or in-lieu fee	program proposed for mitigation of impacts?
If so, attach the acceptance letter from mitigati	ion bank or in-lieu fee prog	ram
• Yes	© No	
Acceptance Letter Attachment		
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B-4848 - STR - FB 08 (Cool).pdf		62.28KB
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1f. Is the project located in any o	of NC's twenty coas	stal counties? [*]
Ô Yes	O No	
B. Applicant Infor	mation	
1a. Who is the Primary Contact?	~	
NCDOT		

1b. Primary Contact Email:* wabarrett@ncdot.gov

1c. Primary Contact Phone:*

(xxx)xxx-xxxx (919)707-6103

1d. Who is applying for the permit?

☑ Owner □ Applicant (other than owner) □ Agent/Consultant (Check all that apply)

2. Owner Information

2a. Name(s) on recorded deed:

2b. Deed book and page no.:

2c. Responsible party: (for Corporations) 2d. Address

Street Address Address Line 2 City Postal / Zip Code

State / Province / Region

Country

2e. Telephone Number:

(XXX)XXX-XXXX

(xxx)xxx-xxxx

2g. Email Address:* pharris@ncdot.gov

C. Project Information and Prior Project History

1. Project Information

1a. Name of project:*

Replacement of Bridge 3 over Possomtrot Creek on SR 1128.

1b. Subdivision name:

(if appropriate)

1c. Nearest municipality / town:* Burnsville

1d. Driving directions*

If it is a new project and can not easily be found in a GPS mapping system. Rease provide directions. 35.912819 -82.401301

2. Project Identification

2a. Property Identification Number:

(tax PIN or parcel ID)

2b. Property size:

(in acres)

2c. Project Address

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

Postal / Zip Code

State / Province / Region

2d. Site coordinates in decimal degrees

Please collect site coordinates in decimal degrees. Use between 4-6 digits (unless you are using a survey-grade GPS device) after the decimal place as appropriate, based on how the location was determined. (For example, most mobile phones with GPS provide locational precision in decimal degrees to map coordinates to 5 or 6 digits after the decimal place.)

Country

Latitude:*	Longitude:*
35.912819 ex: 34.208504	-82.401301 -77.796371
3. Surface Waters	
3a. Name of the nearest body of water to p Possomtrot Creek	proposed project:*
3b. Water Resources Classification of nea C-TR	rest receiving water:*

Surface Water Lookup

3c. What river basin(s) is your project located in?*

French Broad

River Basin Lookup

4. Project Description

4a. Describe the existing conditions on the site and the general land use in the vicinity of the project at the time of this application:*

The area in the bridge vicinity is comprised of crops and livestock agricultural operations, woods, several singlefamily residences and Summit Building Supply Company.

4b. Attach an 8 1/2 X 11 excerpt from the most recent version of the USGS topographic map indicating the location of the project site. (for DWR)

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4c. Attach an 8 1/2 X 11 excerpt from the most recent version of the published County NRCS Soil Survey map depicting the project site. (for DWR)

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4d. List the total estimated acreage of all existing wetlands on the property:

0

4e. List the total estimated linear feet of all existing streams on the property:

(intermittent and perennial) 825

4f. Explain the purpose of the proposed project:

To replace a functionally obsolete bridge approaching the end of its useful life.

4g. Describe the overall project in detail, including the type of equipment to be used:

The project involves replacing an existing bridge with a double barrel, reinforced concrete box culvert (2@13' x 5') on new alignment, to the southeast side of the existing bridge. The roadway grade will be similar to the existing grade. The new roadway will be realigned to straighten out S-curves just east of the existing bridge and provide an access point with better radii for large trucks entering and exiting the nearby Summit Building Supply Company. During construction, traffic will be maintained on the existing structure and roadway. Standard road building equipment, such as trucks, dozers, and cranes will be used.

4h. Please upload project drawings for the proposed project.

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B4848_Permit Drawings_20170421.pdf	2.18MB
B-4848_Rdy_Plans.pdf	1.21MB
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5. Jurisdictional Determinations

5a. Have the wetlands or streams been delineated on the property or proposed impact areas? *					
© Yes	© No	O	Unknown		
Comments:					
5b. If the Corps made a jurisdictional d	etermination, what type of dete	rmination was made?*			
C Preliminary C A	oproved C	Unknown			
Corps AID Number:					
Example: SAW-2017-99999					

5c. If 5a is yes, who delineated the	jurisdictional areas?					
Name (if known):						
Agency/Consultant Company:						
Other:						
5d. If yes, list the dates of the Cor	ps jurisdictional determinations or \$	State determinations and attach documentation.				
5d1. Jurisdictional determination of Click the upload button or drag and drop files here File type must be PDF	upload e to attach document					
6. Project History						
6a. Have permits or certifications O Yes	been requested or obtained for this	s project (including all prior phases) in the past?* O Unknown				
7. Future Project Plans						
7a. Is this a phased project?* O Yes	© No					
Are any other NWP(s), regional ge proposed project or related activi Army authorization but don't requi	neral permit(s), or individual permit ty? This includes other separate an ire pre-construction notification.	ts(s) used, or intended to be used, to authorize any part of the id distant crossing for linear projects that require Department of the	ı			
D. Proposed Impac	ts Inventory					
1. Impacts Summary						
 1a. Where are the impacts associa ☐ Wetlands ☐ Open Waters 	ited with your project? (check all the ☑ Streams-tributaries ☑ Pond Construction	a t apply): ∏ Buffers				
2. Wetland Impacts If there are wetland impacts proposed	on the site, then complete this question	n for each wetland area impacted.				
3. Stream Impacts						

If there are perennial or intermittent stream impacts (including temporary impacts) proposed on the site, then complete this question for all stream sites impacted.

3a. Site # - Reason for impact	3b.Impact type	3c. Type of impact	3d. Stream name	3e. Stream Type	3f. Jurisdictio type	3g. Stream onwidth	3h. Impact length
Site 1 - Culvert Map label (e.g. Road Crossing 1)	P Permanent (P) or Temporary (T)	Culvert	Possomtr ot Creek	Perennial Perennial (PER) or intermitten (INT)	Corps	Average 13 (feet)	89 (linear feet)
Site 1 - Upstream Channel Alignment Map label (e.g. Road Crossing 1)	P Permanent (P) or Temporary (T)	Stabilization	Possomtr ot Creek	Perennial Perennial (PER) or intermitten (INT)	Corps	Average 13 (feet)	39 (linear feet)

3a. Site # - Reason for impact	3b.Impact type	3c. Type of impact	3d. Stream name	3e. Stream Type	3f. Jurisdiction type	3g. Stream width	3h. Impact Iength
Site 1 - Upstream Channel Alignment Map label (e.g. Road Crossing 1)	T Permanent (P) or Temporary (T)	Dewatering	Possomtr ot Creek	Perennial Perennial (PER) or intermitten (INT)	Corps t	Average 13 (feet)	19 (linear feet)
Site 1 - Downstream Channel Alignment Map label (e.g. Road Crossing 1)	P Permanent (P) or Temporary (T)	Stabilization	Possomtr ot Creek	Perennial (PER) or intermitten (INT)	Corps t	Average 13 (feet)	101 (linear feet)
Site 1 - Downstream Channel Alignment Map label (e.g. Road Crossing 1)	T Permanent (P) or Temporary (T)	Dewatering	Possomtr ot Creek	Perennial Perennial (PER) or intermitten (INT)	Corps t	Average 13 (feet)	11 (linear feet)
** All Perennial or Inter	rmittent strea	ms must be verified by DWR or	delegated lo	cal government.			
3i. Total jurisdiction	i. Total jurisdictional ditch impact in square feet:						
3i. Total permanent 229	3i. Total permanent stream impacts: 229						
3i. Total temporary s 30	stream impa	cts:					
3i. Total stream and 259	tributary im	pacts:					
3j. Comments:							

4. Open Water Impacts

If there are proposed impacts to lakes, ponds, estuaries, tributaries, sounds, the Atlantic Ocean, or any other open water of the U.S. then individually list all open water impacts below.

5. Pond or Lake Construction

If pond or lake construction is proposed, then complete the chart below.

6. Buffer Impacts (for DWR)

If project will impact a protected riparian buffer, then complete the chart below. Individually list all buffer impacts below.

E. Impact Justification and Mitigation

1. Avoidance and Minimization

1a. Specifically describe measures taken to avoid or minimize the proposed impacts in designing the project:*

The reinforced box culvert (RCBC) has been designed to have as little environmental and surface water impacts as possible. Channel improvements were made for the proposed RCBC design.

A low flow barrel on the west side of the culvert is designed to match the stream width to maintain the normal flow width, depth, and velocity of the stream. This will maintain sediment transport to provide a stable stream during bankfull discharge. The barrel invert will be a minimum of one-foot below the streambed to allow for fish passage,

A high flow barrel on the east side of the culvert will provide flood conveyance during high flow storm events. This will reduce shear stress on the stream bottom. A floodplain bench will be cut in the existing ground at the inlet and outlet of the right (east) barrel to allow for additional water conveyance during high flow events. Excavation will be kept to a minimum to produce as little impacts as possible. Where excavation is necessary, geotextile and riprap will be utilized to

reduce stream bank erosion.

The high flow barrel will have a 1.5-foot sill inset at the entrance and exit of the culvert. The low flow barrel will have 1.0- foot sills/baffles at 16.9 centers to retain sediment within the culvert. All sills will be constructed perpendicular to the culvert wall.

A grassed swale is being utilized for treatment before sheet flowing through a wooded area in to Bald Creek.

1b. Specifically describe measures taken to avoid or minimize the proposed impacts through construction techniques:*

Best Management Practices for Surface Waters will be used during all phases of construction. The project will also adhere to Design Standards for Sensitive Waters, and a trout moratorium will be in place from October 15 to April 15 of any year.

2. Compensatory Mitigation for Impacts to Waters of the U.S. or Waters of the State

2a. Does the project require Compensatory Mitigation for impacts to Waters of the U.S. or Waters of the State?

• Yes

2c. If yes, mitigation is required by (check all that apply):

DWR Corps

2d. If yes, which mitigation option(s) will be used for this project?

C No

Mitigation bank

Payment to in-lieu fee program

Permittee Responsible Mitigation

4. Complete if Making a Payment to In-lieu Fee Program

4a. Approval letter from in-lieu fee program is attached.

Yes

4b. Stream mitigation requested:

(linear feet)

229

4c. If using stream mitigation, stream temperature: cold

4d. Buffer mitigation requested (DWR only):

(square feet)

4e. Riparian wetland mitigation requested:

(acres)

4f. Non-riparian wetland mitigation requested:

(acres)

4g. Coastal (tidal) wetland mitigation requested: (acres)

4h. Comments

F. Stormwater Management and Diffuse Flow Plan (required by DWR)

1a. Does this project require a Stormwater Management Plan?

• Yes O No

1b. If this project DOES require a Stormwater Management Plan, then provide a brief, narrative description of the plan: See attached permit drawings.

1c. What is the overall percent imperviousness of this project?

%

1d. Who will be responsible for the review of the Stormwater Management Plan?*

- Certified Local Government
- DWR 401 & Buffer Permitting Branch

DEMLR Stormwater Review

DWR Transportation Permitting Branch

2. Diffuse Flow Plan

2a. Does the project include or is it adjacent to protected riparian buffers identified within one of the NC Riparian Buffer Protection Rules?

O Yes • No

If no, explain why:

5. DWR 401 Stormwater Review

5a. Is the Stormwater Management Plan (including BMP Supplemental Forms and Operation and Maintenance Agreements) attached? C No

• Yes

Stormwater Management Plan Upload

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G. Supplementary Information

C No

O No

1. Environmental Documentation

1a. Does the project involve an expenditure of public (federal/state/local) funds or the use of public (federal/state) land?*

• Yes

1b. If you answered "yes" to the above, does the project require preparation of an environmental document pursuant to the requirements of the National or State (North Carolina) Environmental Policy Act (NEPA/SEPA)?*

• Yes O No

1c. If you answered "yes" to the above, has the document review been finalized by the State Clearing House? (If so, attach a copy of the NEPA or SEPA final approval letter.)*

• Yes

NEPA or SEPA Final Approval Letter

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2. Violations (DWR Requirement)

2a. Is the site in violation of DWR Water Quality Certification Rules (15A NCAC 2H .0500), Isolated Wetland Rules (15A NCAC 2H .1300), or DWR Surface Water or Wetland Standards or Riparian Buffer Rules (15A NCAC 2B .0200)?*

O Yes	⊙ No
2b. Is this an after-the-fact permi	t application?*
O Yes	• No
2c. If you answered "yes" to one	or both of the above questions, provide an explanation of the violation(s):
3. Cumulative Impacts (I	OWR Requirement)
3a. Will this project (based on panearby downstream water quality	st and reasonably anticipated future impacts) result in additional development, which could impact $?$
© Yes	⊙ No
3b. If you answered "no," provide	a short narrative description.
Due to the minimal transportation important important in the minimal transportation important in the minimal transport transport in the minimal tr	pact resulting from this bridge replacement, this project will neither influence th. Therefore, a detailed indirect or cumulative effects study will not be
4. Sewage Disposal (DV	VR Requirement)
4a. Describe, in detail, the treatm proposed project. If the wastewa	ent methods and dispositions (non-discharge or discharge) of wastewater generated from the ter will be treated at a treatment plant, list the capacity available at that plant.
5. Endangered Species	and Designated Critical Habitat (Corps Requirement)
5a. Will this project occur in or ne	ear an area with federally protected species or habitat? *
• Yes	C No
5b. Have you checked with the U	SFWS concerning Endangered Species Act impacts? *
• Yes	C No
5c. If yes, indicate the USFWS Field Asheville	Id Office you have contacted.
5d. Is this a DOT project located v C Yes C No	within Division's 1-8?*
5e. Will you cut any trees in orde	r to conduct the work in waters of the U.S.? [*]
5f. Does this project involve brid • Yes • No	ge maintenance or removal? [*]
5f(1). If yes, have you inspected to use can be found in the NLEB SL ⊙ Yes ○ No	he bridge for signs of bat use such as staining, guano, bats, etc.? Representative photos of signs of bat OPES, Appendix F, pages 3-7.
Link to the NLEB SLOPES document:	http://saw-reg.usace.army.mil/NLEB/1-30-17-signed_NLEB-SLOPES&apps.pdf
If you answered "Yes" to 5f(1), di	d you discover any signs of bat use? [*]
If yes, please show the location of Click the upload button or drag and drop files he File must be PDF	of the bridge on the permit drawings/project plans.

5g. Does this project involve the construction/installation of a wind turbine(s)?**

O Yes ⊙ No

If yes, please show the location of the wind turbine(s) on the permit drawings/project plans.

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5h. Does this project involve (1) blasting, and/or (2) other percussive activities that will be conducted by machines, such as jackhammers, mechanized pile drivers, etc.?*

• Yes • No

If yes to either, please provide details to include type of percussive activity, purpose, duration, and specific location of this activity on the property.

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5i. What data sources did you use to determine whether your site would impact Endangered Species or Designated Critical Habitat?* USFWS Website:

-The project will have no effect, due to lack of habitat, for spreading avens, gray bat, Carolina northern flying squirrel, Rock gnome lichen, Roan Mountain bluet, and Spruce-fir moss spider.

-The project will have no effect, but habitat is present, for Virginia spiraea, which was surveyed in June 2013, and May 2015.

-A memo regarding the NELB was sent to the USFWS on 5/30/2017 and this species is in compliance with the 4(d) rule.

-The project may affect, but not likely to adversely affect the Appalachian elktoe, which was concurred upon by the Service on April 19, 2017.

6. Essential Fish Habitat (Corps Requirement)

No

6a. Will this project occur in or near an area designated as an Essential Fish Habitat?*

O Yes

6b. What data sources did you use to determine whether your site would impact an Essential Fish Habitat?*

7. Historic or Prehistoric Cultural Resources (Corps Requirement)

Link to the State Historic Preservation Office Historic Properties Map (does not include archaeological data: http://gis.ncdcr.gov/hpoweb/

7a. Will this project occur in or near an area that the state, federal or tribal governments have designated as having historic or cultural preservation status (e.g., National Historic Trust designation or properties significant in North Carolina history and archaeology)?*

7b. What data sources did you use to determine whether your site would impact historic or archeological resources?* N/SEPA Documentation

7c. Historic or Prehistoric Information Upload

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8. Flood Zone Designation (Corps Requirement)

Link to the FEMA Floodplain Maps: https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search

8a. Will this project occur in a FEMA-designated 100-year floodplain?*

No

O Yes

8b. If yes, explain how project meets FEMA requirements: NCDOT Hydraulics Unit coordination with FEMA. 8c. What source(s) did you use to make the floodplain determination?* FEMA Maps.

Miscellaneous attachments not previously requested.

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B-4848 Permit App CL82417.pdf	265.67KE
B-4848 USFWS Concurrence.pdf	179.89KE
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Signature

*

☑ By checking the box and signing below, I certify that:

- I have given true, accurate, and complete information on this form;
- I agree that submission of this PCN form is a "transaction" subject to Chapter 66, Article 40 of the NC General Statutes (the "Uniform Electronic Transactions Act");
- I agree to conduct this transaction by electronic means pursuant to Chapter 66, Article 40 of the NC General Statutes (the "Uniform Electronic Transactions Act");
- I understand that an electronic signature has the same legal effect and can be enforced in the same way as a written signature; AND
- I intend to electronically sign and submit the PCN form.

Full Name:*

Colin Mellor

Signature

Colin Mellor





August 18, 2017

Mr. Philip S. Harris, III, P.E., CPM Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit North Carolina Department of Transportation 1598 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1598

Dear Mr. Harris:

Subject: Mitigation Acceptance Letter:

B-4848, Replace Bridge Number 3 over Possum Trot Creek on SR 1128, Yancey County

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Division of Mitigation Services (DMS) will provide the compensatory stream mitigation for the subject project. Based on the information supplied by you on August 14, 2017, the impacts are located in CU 06010108 of the French Broad River basin in the Northern Mountains (NM) Eco-Region, and are as follows:

French Broad		Stream			Wetlands	Buffer (Sq. Ft.)		
06010108 NM	Cold	Cool	Warm	Riparian	Non- Riparian	Coastal Marsh	Zone 1	Zone 2
Impacts (feet/acres)	0	229.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Some of the stream impacts may be proposed to be mitigated at a 1:1 mitigation ratio. See permit application for details.

The impacts and associated mitigation needs were under projected by the NCDOT in the 2017 impact data. DMS will commit to implement sufficient compensatory stream mitigation credits to offset the impacts associated with this project as determined by the regulatory agencies using the delivery timeline listed in Section F.3.c.iii of the In-Lieu Fee Instrument dated July 28, 2010. If the above referenced impact amounts are revised, then this mitigation acceptance letter will no longer be valid and a new mitigation acceptance letter will be required from DMS.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Beth Harmon at 919-707-8420.

Sincerely,

James B Stanfill Credit Management Supervisor

cc: Mr. Lori Beckwith, USACE – Asheville Regulatory Field Office Ms. Amy Chapman, NCDWR File: B-4848



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United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Asheville Field Office 160 Zillicoa Street Suite #B Asheville, North Carolina 28801

April 19, 2017

Mr. Phillip S. Harris North Carolina Department of Transportation Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit 1598 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1598

Subject: Endangered Species Concurrence for the Proposed Replacement of Bridge No.3 on SR 1128 over Possumtrot Creek, Yancey County, North Carolina, TIP Project No B-4848.

Dear Mr. Harris:

We have reviewed your concurrence request and supporting documentation regarding potential impacts to the federally endangered Appalachian elktoe (*Alismidonta raveneliana*) from implementation of the subject project. We provide the following comments in accordance with the provisions of section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (Act).

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to replace Bridge No. 3 over Possumtrot Creek. The replacement structure will be a double barrel box culvert. The culvert design will provide for the base stream flow in one barrel with the other barrel providing for overflow in high water events. The project site is about 1.0 mile from the confluence with the Cane River and about 4 miles from any occurrence of Appalachian elktoe.

According to the information provided, in July of 2013, a thorough survey of Possumtrot Creek and into the confluence with Bald Creek in the area of impact was conducted and no native freshwater mussels were found. Given the proximity of the project to the Cane River, we recommend that sediment and erosion control measures adhere to the Design Standards for Sensitive Watersheds. Based on the negative survey results and implementation of strict sediment and erosion control standards we agree that implementation of this project is "not likely to adversely affect" Appalachian elktoe. Therefore, the requirements under Section 7(c) of the Act are fulfilled. However, obligations under Section 7 of the Act must be reconsidered if: (1) new information reveals impacts of this identified action that may affect listed species or critical habitat in a manner not previously considered, (2) this action is subsequently modified in a manner that was not considered in this review, or (3) a new species is listed or critical habitat is determined that may be affected by the identified action.

If you have questions about these comments please contact Ms. Marella Buncick of our staff at 828/258-3939, Ext. 237. In any future correspondence concerning these projects, please reference our Log Number 13-050.

Sincerely, - - *original signed* - -Janet Mizzi Field Supervisor

VCDOT Highway – Stormwa (Version 2.07; Released 0	Dectober 2016)	North Carolina Department of Transportation Highway Stormwater Program STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR NCDOT PROJECTS								
WBS Element:	38618.1.1	TIP No.:	B-4848		County(ies):	Yancey				
					General Project	Information	1			
WBS Element:		38618.1.1		TIP Number:	B-4848		Project	Туре:	Bridge Repla	cement
NCDOT Contact:		Bill Zerman, PE				Contractor / Desig	ner:	Trent Cor	mier, PE	
	Address:	NCDOT Hydraulic	s Unit				Address:	ICA Engir	neering, Inc.	
		1590 Mail Service	s Unit					5121 King	gdom Way, Suite	e 100
		Raleigh, NC 2756	0			-		Raleigh, I	NC 27607	
	Phone:	(919) 707-6755				_	Phone:	(919) 900	-1608	
	Email:	bzerman@ncdot.g	gov				Email:	trenton.co	ormier@hdrinc.c	om
City/Town:			Cane	River		County(les):	Yan	сеу		
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wetlands within Pro	oject Limits?	NO								
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Typical Cross Section	Area (ac.)	Possum Trot Roa	0.7 d (SR 1128): 2 n	aved lanes (total	ac. 20' wide) 3' shou	Ilder (2' naved) on	Possum Trot	U.6 Road (SR	1128): 2 naved	ac.
Annual Avg Daily Tr General Project Nar (Description of Mini Quality Impacts)	raffic (veh/hr/day): rative: mization of Water	each side (/' with guardrail). //hr/day): Design/Future: 1600 Year: 2040 Existing: of Water The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has proposed to replace Yancey County Bridge #003 on Possu existing structure is a one span bridge (1@26'8') and is a timber floor on I-Beams supported by Yount Masonry abutments. reinforced concrete box culvert (RCBC). This structure has been designed to have as little environmental and surface wate into the existing ground at the inlet and outlet of the right barrel to allow for additional water conveyance during high flow exproposed RCBC design. Excavation was kept to a minimum to produce as little impact as possible. Where excavation is ne stabilization in an attempt to reduce stream bank erosion. A low flow barrel on the west side of the culvert was designed to width, depth and velocity of the stream. This will maintain sediment transport to provide a stable stream during bankfull disc the stream bed to consider fish passage. A high flow barrel on the east side of the culvert will provide flood conveyance du stress on the stream bottom. A grassed swale is being utilized for treatment before sheet flowing through a wooded area in replacement, the increases in stormwater discharges (post vs pre condition) are insignificant. Therefore, additional stormw					1230 on Possum Trot outments. The pr ace water impace h flow events. C tion is necessar igned to match igned to match wance during hig d area into Bald I stormwater me	Road (S roposed s ts as pos hannel ir y, geotex the strea The barr h flow sto Creek. E asures a		
Surface Water Body	y (1):		Possumi	trot Creek	Waterbody Inf	formation NCDWR Stream In	dex No.:			7-
	ator Classification fo	r Water Body		Primary Classif	ication:	Class	C			
NCDWR Surface wa		г water воду		Supplemental (Classification:	Trout Water	rs (Tr)			
Other Stream Class	ification:	Nor	ne							
Impairments:	- 0	Nor								
Aquatic 1&E Specie	S /	NO	Comments:					D	des in Effect	
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Project includes Bri	uge Spanning wate	г воау?			ide justification in	the General Project	Narrative)		describe in the	General
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tal 22' wic	le), open sh	oulder section.
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R 1128) c structure i ssible. A f mproveme tile and ri m width to el invert v orm event Due to the re not rec	over Possum s a two barry loodplain be ents were m p-rap were to p maintain th will be a mini- is. This will r nature of lo juired.	Itrot Creek. The el (2@13' X 5'), nch will be cut ade for the utilized for bank ie normal flow imum of 1' below educe shear w impact bridge
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Tighway North Carolina Department of Transportation								
Highway Stormwater Program								
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN								
(Version 2.07; Released October 2016)			FOR NCDOT PRO	JECTS				
WBS Element: 38618.1.1	TIP No.:	B-4848	County(ies):	Yancey	Page 2	of	2	
		Br	idge to Culvert Avoidanc	e and Minimization				
Proposed Structure Summary								
Sheet No. & Station Sheet No.:	1	Station:	13+07 -L-	Number of Barrels:	2			
Drainage Area (ac or sq mi):		3 Sa. Miles		Barrel Width/Diameter (ft):	13			
Surface Water Body:	(1)Possumtro	ssumtrot Creek		Barrel Height (ft):	5			
Culvert Type:				Culvert Length (ft)	8			
Avoidance and Minimization Efforts:	The roadway	grade was ke	pt close to existing to mining	mize the culvert length and permanent stream	n impacts. In stream work	was minimi	zed to	
(Bridge to Culvert)	create the lea	st amount of	disturbance for aquatic life					
Str	eam Slope			Fish and/or Ad	uatic Life Passage			
Existing Average Stream Slope (%):		3.70	%	Existing Low Flow Channel Dimensions	isting Low Flow Channel Dimensions The existing stream has a			
Proposed Culvert Slope (%):		3.20	%	in the Stream:	feet.			
Cu	Culvert Burial							
Proposed Cuivert Burial Depth (ft):	0.10		1					
Existing Streambed Material:	Silt and Sand mixed with Gravel and Cobble			Proposed Low Flow Dimensions	we are proposing a 13	IOW TIOW WID	tn.	
Proposed Sills/Raffles:	The birt flow bound will have a 4.5 fact all inset at			Inrough the Cuivert:				
Proposed Sills/Barries.	the entrance t	and the evit of	the culvert. The low flow			<u> </u>		
	the entrance and the exit of the curvet. The two low low barrel will have 1.0 foot sills/affies at 16.0 centers to retain sediment within the culvert. All sills will be constructed perpendicular to the the culvert wall.			Existing Low Flow Velocities in the	1:	3		
				Stream (ft/s):		-		
				Proposed Low Flow Velocities Through	2.8			
				the Culvert (ft/s):				
				Alternating Low Flow Sills/Baffles:	Low flow sills provided.	Baffles were	e not	
					needed to restrict flow.			
			Culvert/Stream A	lignment				
Stream Patterns Upstream and	The upstream	crossing is l	ocated approximately 0.2 n	niles upstream and consistes of 3 lines of 80'	X 60" CMAP. The outlet	t of these pip	es are	
Downstream of the Culvert that Could	perched approximately 3 feet over the NWS. Downstream is the confluence with Bald Creek as noted on the plans. Possumtrot				ntrot Creek is	s well		
Affect Fish Passage and Bank Stability:	vegetated and stable within this reach.							
Red Forms Impacted by Culvert (riffler	The riffle/run/nonl/alide sequence will be interunned, but based on the sedimet transport of the stream should be reactablished without degrading							
pools glides etc.)	The internity polyging sequence will be interoppied, our based on the sedimet transport of the steam should be reestablished without degrading the overall reach.						acgrading	
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Low Flow Floodplain Bench Required?	res	A IOW HOW L	sence is required for conve	yance of the 100 year storm event, so adjace	ni properties will not be a	uversely imp	bacted by	
(provide justification)		ine replacement.						
Bends at Inlet/Outlet?	NO	I ne cuivert	is in alignment with the str	eam.				
(describe cuivert alignment with stream)		0.						
Stream Realignment Necessary? (provide	No	Stream real	llignment was not necessa	ry.				
justification)						<u> </u>		
ank Stabilization: Bank Stabilization is needed at the inlet and the outlet of the culvert to stabilize the banks.								
Outlet Velocities								
Natural Stream Channel 2-vr Velocity (ft/s): 42 411								
Proposed Culvert 2-yr Outlet Velocity (ft/s):	Proposed Culvert 10-yr Outlet Velocity (1	(t/s):	8	6				
Readway Geometric Considerations								
Evaluate/Describe Roadway Geometric Con	straints:		, ocometrie e			-		
The roadway and geometric constraints are sig	nificant The st	ream runs ve	ry close to the roadway so	the roadway alignment had to match closely	with the stream to avoid	fill slopes sn	illing into	
the stream. Additionally, the crossing is adjace	nt to an interse	ction which n	nakes the construction of the	he bridge difficult at this location.				











DENOTES TEMPORARY IMPACTS IN SURFACE WATER



DENOTES PERMANENT IMPACTS IN SURFACE WATER





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Site No.	Station (From/To)	Structure Size / Type	Permanent Fill In Wetlands (ac)	Temp. Fill In Wetlands (ac)	Excavation in Wetlands (ac)	Mechanized Clearing in Wetlands (ac)	Hand Clearing in Wetlands (ac)	Permanent SW impacts (ac)	Temp. SW impacts (ac)	Existing Channel Impacts Permanent (ft)	Existing Channel Impacts Temp. (ft)	Natural Stream Design (ft)
1	FROM 12+61 TO 13+48 -L-	2 @ 13' X 5' RCBC						0.02	\	89		
1	FROM 12+02 TO 12+61 -L-	CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS U/S						< 0.01	< 0.01	39	19	-
1	FROM 13+48 TO 13+96 -L-	CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS D/S						0.02	< 0.01	101	11	
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	DO NOT USE FOR	R CONSTRUCTION					
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	UNLESS ALL SIGNA	TURES COMPLETED					
USE TYPICAL SECTION NO. 1 AS FOLLOWS							
-L- STA 10+50.00 TO STA 11+75.00							
NOTE: MILLING REQUIRED FOR PAVE	MENT TIE-IN						
–L– STA. 10+50.00 TO STA. 11+75.00							
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-L- STA. 10+50.00 TO STA. 11+00.00							
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USE TYPICAL SECTION	NO. 2 AS FOL	LOWS					
-L- STA 12+62.00 TO STA 18+09.00							
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4:1 2:1							
LISE TYPICAL SECTION NO 3 AS FOLLOWS							
-L- STA 11+75.00 TO STA 12+62.00							
-L- STA 18+09.00 TO STA 19+25.00							
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