





STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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March 26, 2004

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Ron Watson, P.E.
Division 14 Engineer

FROM:  Philip S. Harris, P.E., Manager 
Office of the Natural Environment
Project Development and
Environmental Analysis Branch

SUBJECT: Haywood County, Replace Bridge Number 163 over Pigeon
River Overflow on US 276; State Work Order Number
8.1944601; TIP Number B-3470.

Attached are the environmental commitments developed through the Project Development. No environmental permits were required.

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Attachment

cc: Mr. Art McMillan, P.E.
Mr. Omar Sultan
Mr. Jay Bennett, P.E.
Mr. David Chang, P.E.
Mr. Randy Garris, P.E.
Mr. Greg Perfetti, P.E.
Mr. Mark Staley
Mr. John Sullivan, FHWA
Mr. Mark Davis, Division 14 DEO

PROJECT COMMITMENTS

Haywood County
Bridge No. 163 on US 276
Over Pigeon River Overflow
Federal Aid Project BRSTP-276(2)
State Project 8.1944601
TIP No. B-3470

In addition to the Best Management Practices for the Protection of Surface Waters and NCDOT's Guidelines for Best Management Practices for Bridge Demolition and Removal, the following Special Commitments have been agreed to by NCDOT:

Conditions Developed Through Project Development

Division 14 / Construction

In-stream Construction is prohibited during the trout spawning period of November 1 to April 15 to avoid impacts on trout reproduction.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WILMINGTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
151 PATTON AVENUE
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

March 5, 2004

Regulatory Division

Action ID 200430039, TIP B-3470

Dr. Gregory J. Thorpe
North Carolina Department of Transportation
Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch
1548 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1548

Dear Dr. Thorpe:

Reference your letter of December 8, 2004 regarding the proposed replacement of Bridge No. 163 on US Highway 276 over the Pigeon River Overflow Creek near Canton, Haywood County, North Carolina (State Project No. 8.1944601, TIP No. B-3470).

According to the referenced letter and attached Categorical Exclusion Document, the existing bridge will be replaced with a new 100-foot long bridge at the same location as the existing structure. Traffic will be maintained on an offsite detour of existing roads during construction. Although the Pigeon River Overflow is a surface water under the Corps of Engineers' regulatory jurisdiction, no waters or wetlands would be impacted by construction of the proposed project. Best Management Practices for Bridge Demolition and Removal will be applied to prevent any debris from falling into the river. As such, no Department of the Army permit will be required for the proposed work.

If you have any questions or if there are any changes in the design or construction methods of the proposed project, please contact me at telephone (828) 271-7980, extension 223.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven W. Lund".

Steven W. Lund
Regulatory Project Manager