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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The State of Mississippi created the Mississippi Wireless Communication Commission (MWCC) by statute in 2005 to oversee the construction and operation of the Mississippi Wireless Integrated Network (MSWIN) project. MSWIN is wireless voice and data capable infrastructure, providing all users with a public-safety grade, statewide, interoperable, seamless roaming radio system. This 700 MHz Public Safety System is intended to provide highly reliable, fast access, private (within groups and individuals) communications to a wide variety of government and first-responder users within the State of Mississippi. MSWIN is funded largely by federal funds administered through the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The MSWIN network consists of over 140 tower sites to transmit and receive 700 MHz radio communications along with 6.7 GHz microwave connections to nearby towers to backhaul the communication to the closest switch. As part of the network, this tower will support a myriad of equipment that will provide emergency response communications for the population within approximately fifteen miles surrounding this proposed site.

System users vary from public safety, governmental executive and administrative personnel to road maintenance crews. In addition to routine communications, users will also depend on the network during life threatening conditions and emergency situations. Flooding, hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, and other natural or man-made catastrophes often require effective wide-area, interoperable communications. Thus, communications within the State of Mississippi are most critical when they are most susceptible to failure. Consequently, a high degree of redundancy and fail-safe design is essential to this success of this project.

The proposed tower facility will be accessed via locked gate off of Military Road. The tower will have two parking spaces at the entrance of the fenced tower compound. The compound surrounding the tower and equipment will consist of a seven-foot tall security fence with an additional foot of barbed wire surrounding the site. The tower will be built to withstand extreme weather conditions and engineered and constructed to the latest tower standards of ANSI/TIA-222-G (class III supporting public safety and mission critical communications). All radio equipment on the tower will be operated in compliance with all requirements of frequency and power output as regulated by the Federal Communications Commission. Additionally, the gates and fence will have attached no trespassing and other notice and warning signs as may be required by applicable local and federal laws.



Routine operations of the tower facility will have limited vehicular traffic excepting maintenance and routine periodic inspections. Running water or sanitary facilities are not used at the facility. Power facilities are available and will be routed in during construction. The tower will not interfere with local residence or the use of the surrounding properties. The increase of vehicular traffic into the area is anticipated to be negligible. The tower and communication systems located thereon will not interfere with other communication systems in the area.

The tower is designed to allow other uses on the structure to promote collocation with up to three positions suitable for cellular telephone type wireless service providers. This further reduces the potential need for further towers in the area. In addition, the tower is designed to accommodate additional government communications equipment as the need to provide mission critical radio infrastructure increases in the future.

1.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Checklist screening and Environmental Assessment (EA) is to provide information regarding the subject property required by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC), as described in Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter I, Part 1, Subpart I titled *Procedures Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969*, Sections 1.1307(a)(1) through (8). In addition, this EA was prepared to address items required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as part of its environmental and historical review process.

This project is being funded using a FEMA grant (2008-MS-MX-0001) and the State of Mississippi's expenditures at this site will include construction of a telecommunications facility, purchase and installation of 700 MHz RF equipment and microwave telecommunication backbone network, equipment shelter, network integration, acceptance testing, communication hardware optimization and system exercising and piloting of interoperability capabilities of the network.

NEPA requires that Federal agencies consider the environmental consequences of proposed actions before deciding to fund an action. The intent of NEPA is to protect, restore, or enhance the environment through well-informed decision making. The Council on Environmental Quality was established under NEPA to implement and oversee Federal policy in this process and implemented the procedural provisions of NEPA codified at 40 CFR 1500-1508. An Environmental Assessment (EA) related to a FEMA program must be prepared according to the requirements of the Stafford Act and 44 CFR Part 10. This EA has been prepared to evaluate the potential effects to the natural and human environment from construction of a new communications tower.



1.2 NEED

The proposed communications facility is part of the proposed Mississippi Wireless Integrated Network (MSWIN). This network is intended to facilitate seamless communications between federal, state, and local emergency personnel during natural or man-made disasters and/or emergencies.

1.3 ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Four alternatives were considered for the Proposed Action (construction and operation of the proposed MSWIN 20507 Communications Facility). These alternatives included the Proposed Action, No-Action Alternative, collocation, and alternate technologies. These alternatives are described below.

1.3.1 Proposed Action

The Proposed Action consists of construction of a 450-foot guyed communications tower and associated equipment compound to facilitate installation and operation of wireless communications antennae to provide integrated emergency communications between federal, state, and local agencies. These antennae include microwave dishes that are to be used to send and receive information over long distances without the limitations associated with connection to land lines/cables (primarily interruptions in service due to damage to land lines/cables during emergencies or natural disasters).

1.3.2 No-Action Alternative

Under the No-Action Alternative the proposed project would not be constructed. No adverse environmental impacts are believed to be associated with the No-Action Alternative. However, the no-action alternative would result in a cost to the residents in the service area of this project associated with loss of integrated emergency communications service in the subject area. This cost must be compared to the potential adverse environmental impacts and social cost benefits associated with the Proposed Action.

Wireless communication systems provide a social benefit through increased ease of non-business communication. Roadway accidents, fires, and other emergency situations can be reported faster using wireless communications equipment. Wireless communications also provide critical assistance to emergency personnel during natural disasters (flood, hurricanes, tornadoes, etc.) and national emergencies.

1.3.3 Collocation

It is our understanding that the State of Mississippi and Towers of Mississippi explored collocation opportunities within the required service area for this project. However, no collocation opportunities meeting the technical requirements for the proposed project were identified.



1.3.4 Alternate Technologies

Among the possible alternatives to the MSWIN network are a) satellite communications, b) commercial cellular communications, and c) the existing State operated networks.

Satellite communications is commercially available and is currently used as a backup communications method in the event the primary systems fail. Satellite communications is cost prohibitive for the 30,000 users who would be a part of the MSWIN radio network.

Commercial cellular communication services are available in much of the service area MSWIN will provide, but not all of the State of Mississippi is covered by a single cellular operator. MSWIN will provide 97% radio coverage over the state, is more secure than commercial cellular service, is more survivable in the event of natural disasters, and is dedicated to public safety missions. Cellular is an adequate limited backup to the routine and emergency requirements of public safety, but is not adequate for daily operational usage and extreme emergency situations, as compared to the MSWIN system.

The existing State operated radio systems are aging and limited in their coverage reach. The field and dispatch radios are nearing obsolescence and are difficult to find new replacement parts for. The needs of a growing Mississippi will be met by the new technology the MSWIN network provides.

1.4 AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

The site is depicted on the United States Geological Survey 7.5-minute Topographic Quadrangle "Steens, Mississippi," dated 1987. The site is located in the southwest ¼ of the southeast ¼ of Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 18 West, Lowndes County, Mississippi, at latitude 33°33'14.119" north and longitude 88°22'22.906" west (Figure 1). The site consists of a proposed 100-foot by 100-foot lease area with associated guy anchor easements, and a proposed access road located off Military Road in Columbus, Mississippi. The site is a portion of wooded field and slopes gently down toward the north. The proposed compound is wooded with pine trees ranging from three to more than ten inches in diameter at breast height (dbh), the proposed northern and southeastern guy anchors are wooded with pine trees ranging from two to six inches dbh, and the southwestern guy anchor is wooded with hardwood trees less than three inches dbh. The northern and southeastern guy anchors appear to be located in potential wetland areas, and a pile of miscellaneous household debris overgrown with vegetation is located along a portion of the proposed access road. Proposed activities consist of construction of a 465-foot guyed communications tower and access road, enclosing the compound in a fence, placement of support equipment within the compound, and covering the compound and access road with gravel. The proposed access road is 540.51 feet in length and enters the site from the southwest off of Military Road. Proposed activities by the State of Mississippi consist of installation of communications antennae and associated cable on a 450-foot guyed communications tower to be constructed and owned by Towers of Mississippi. The State of Mississippi will place support equipment on a concrete pad within the tower compound to be provided by Towers of Mississippi. A copy of the portion of the 2007 aerial photograph depicting the site layout has been included as Figure



2 and site photographs have been included as Figures 3 through 6. A copy of the site survey is included as Appendix A.

1.5 FCC ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT	YES	NO
1. Will this facility be located in an officially designated wilderness area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Will this facility be located in an officially designated wildlife preserve?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Will this facility affect listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitats?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Is this facility likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any proposed threatened or endangered species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of proposed critical habitats?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the facility affect districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the facility affect Indian religious sites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the facility be located in a floodplain?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the facility involve significant change in surface features (i.e. wetland fill, deforestation, diversion)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the facility be located in a residential area and equipped with high intensity white lights?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the facility result in a potential exposure of workers or the general public to levels of radio frequency radiation in excess of the MPE?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1.6 INFORMATION SOURCES

Completion of this Draft Environmental Assessment included utilization of the following sources:

1. Review of the portion of the 2007 aerial photograph depicting the site available through Maptech.
2. Review of the site survey prepared by SMW Engineering, Inc.
3. Review of information regarding National Scenic Trails and All-American Roads available on the Mississippi Department of Transportation Internet website.
4. Review of information regarding wild and scenic rivers in the vicinity of the proposed project available at Rivers.gov.
5. Review of the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Review of Effects on Historic Properties for Certain Undertakings Approved by the Federal Communications Commission.
6. Correspondence to and from the Department of the Army Corps of Engineers regarding potential impacts to jurisdictional wetlands by the proposed project.
7. A review of information available on the USFWS Internet website, at Nationalatlas.gov, and on Wilderness.net regarding officially designated wilderness areas or wildlife refuges.



8. Correspondence from the USFWS regarding threatened and endangered species on or near the site.
9. Review of the FCC Form 620 prepared for the site by MRS Consultants, LLC and Environmental Engineers, Inc.
10. Correspondence from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History regarding historical resources and properties listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places on or near the site.
11. Review of the Tower Construction Notification System Notice of Organizations Which Were Sent Proposed Tower Construction Notification Information provided by the FCC.
12. Correspondence and conversations with representatives of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Kialegee Tribal Town, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Seminole Tribe of Florida, and the Tunica-Biloxi Indians of Louisiana regarding wireless telecommunications projects.
13. Review of the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map regarding flood zone designations for the site.
14. Review of information available on the USFWS National Wetlands Inventory Internet website containing the site regarding potential jurisdictional wetlands on or adjacent to the site.
15. Information regarding the MSWIN system provided by Towers of Mississippi.
16. Soil information from the USDA's Soil Survey of Lowndes County, Mississippi, issued September 1979.
17. Correspondence to and from the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) office in Jackson, Mississippi regarding impacts to prime farmland, unique farmland, and land of statewide or local importance.
18. A reconnaissance of the subject property.

2.0 WILDERNESS AREAS/PRESERVES

The proposed communications facility will not adversely affect wilderness areas. Based on a review of information available through the Wilderness.net Internet website, two wilderness areas are located in Mississippi – Black Creek Wilderness and Leaf Wilderness. Each of these wilderness areas are located in the southeastern portion of the state and would not be affected by the proposed communications tower project. Maps showing the locations and boundaries of the Black Creek Wilderness and the Leaf Wilderness are included as Appendix B.



The proposed communications facility will not adversely affect any wildlife refuges. Based on a review of information available at the USFWS Internet website and at the Nationalatlas.gov Internet website, the site is not located within the boundaries of, or adjacent to, any wildlife refuges. Maps showing the location of wildlife refuges in the state of Mississippi are included as Appendix C.

3.0 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

3.1 THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

The proposed communications facility will not adversely affect federally-listed threatened or endangered species. Information regarding the proposed wireless telecommunications tower was submitted to the USFWS by Environmental Engineers, Inc. The USFWS responded via letter dated February 3, 2010 stating “Price’s potato bean, a threatened plant, is the only listed terrestrial species for Lowndes County....It is unlikely that this listed species would be found at the site as documented in the photographs that you provided. Therefore, the Service anticipates no impacts to this listed species to occur as a result of the proposed project.” Copies of the correspondence to and the response from the USFWS are included as Appendix D.

3.2 MIGRATORY BIRDS

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has developed voluntary recommendations regarding communications tower siting, construction, operation, and decommissioning. These recommendations include collocating of antennae on existing towers or other structures, limiting the height of new towers to less than 199 feet above ground level (AGL), if taller than 199 feet use of the minimum amount of pilot warning and obstruction avoidance lighting required (preferably white strobes), use of non-guyed towers (monopoles, self-supporting towers), consideration of cumulative impacts on migratory birds, locating towers within “antenna farms” where possible, use of the minimum lighting permissible, use daytime visual markers on guy wires, minimization of the footprint of the facility to avoid habitat loss, design of new towers to accommodate additional comparable antennae for at least two additional users, and down-shielding security lighting for on-ground facilities. A copy of the USFWS communications tower siting, construction, operation, and decommissioning recommendations are included in Appendix E.

A basic principal of radio communication coverage is increasing the height extends signal range. Effective coverage is a function of height so to lower each site to less than 199 feet increases the potential tower count over 300 to accomplish the coverage requirements, resulting in roughly 3,000,000 square feet of ground disturbance, or well over twice the current footprint disturbance requirements. Such an increase in ground impact risks a much greater adversity to terrestrial based habitat such as animals and plants, plus the additional carbon footprint produced by the increased development and construction activities.

Towers of Mississippi and the State of Mississippi considered collocation opportunities as an alternative to the proposed action. However, the technical loading requirements for this project are for



all used structures to be engineered and constructed to the latest tower standards of ANSI/TIA-222-G (class III supporting public safety and mission critical communications). As this is the latest engineering standard and the Class III (public safety) level is the most rigorous engineering standard in the tower industry, there are no existing towers within the coverage area for this project that can be modified to meet this standard and handle the loading requirements MSWIN will place on the tower.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has jurisdiction of all tower lighting and conducts aeronautical studies under the provisions of 49 U.S.C., Section 44718 and if applicable Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 77, concerning the impact on arrival, departure, and en route procedures for aircraft operating under VFR/IFR conditions at existing and planned public use airports, as well as aeronautical facilities.

For purposes of MSWIN tower development, obstruction lighting may be one of three types:

- (1) Medium intensity flashing white obstruction lights (white strobes in both day and night (D-1 or D-2)); or
- (2) Dual lighting with red / medium intensity flashing white lights (white strobes in daylight and red strobes at night – E-1 or E-2); or
- (3) Marking and lighting with painted towers and red night beacons. This applies to towers over 500 feet in height (E-2 light system).

Based on information provided by Towers of Mississippi for this project, it is our understanding that medium intensity flashing white obstruction lights (day and night) will be installed on this tower.

Construction of a self-supporting tower is not practical to provide the required service. According to Towers of Mississippi, the cost of a self-support tower is roughly 2.5 times the cost of a guyed tower, and if all the remaining towers in the MSWIN project were constructed as self supporting towers the extended cost would well exceed an additional \$50-70 million in additional construction costs. Though not favored by USFWS, the impact area of this 450-foot guyed tower in the air is roughly 4,050 square feet whereas the impact area of a 450-foot self -supporting tower is much larger at 30,375 square feet (a 750% increase in the amount of airspace taken).

Bird flight diverters will not be installed on the proposed tower. According to Towers of Mississippi, bird flight diverters are expensive and difficult to maintain over the life of the tower. Adding daytime warning devices to the remainder of the towers in this project would exceed \$5 million in additional capital requirements.

As stated in Section 1.0, the proposed tower will be designed to accommodate equipment for up to three additional wireless communications providers thereby reducing the need for additional towers in the service area of the proposed project.



Security lighting at this facility will consist of motion-activated wall-mounted lights on the equipment shelter at the site.

4.0 CULTURAL RESOURCES

4.1 NATIONWIDE PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

On March 7, 2005 the FCC implemented a Nationwide Programmatic Agreement (NPA) regarding Section 106 reviews (State Historic Preservation Officer and Indian tribal consultation) for wireless telecommunications tower sites. In summary, the NPA set forth rules regarding consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in each state where a proposed wireless telecommunications tower is to be constructed; consultation with Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs) that would have been historically located in the area of the proposed wireless telecommunications tower or had indicated an interest in the geographical area containing the proposed wireless telecommunications tower; and involvement of the public and/or local government. As part of the process associated with the NPA the FCC developed the Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS) and FCC Form 620. The TCNS is described in Section 4.2 and FCC Form 620 is described in Section 4.3.

The NPA requires that a response be received from each Indian tribe or NHO that has indicated an interest in the state or geographical area containing the proposed tower. If no response is received from a particular Indian tribe or NHO within a reasonable time (typically 30 days), the NPA requires that the non-responding Indian tribe or NHO be contacted a second time in an effort to obtain a response. If the Indian tribe or NHO continues to be unresponsive to the initial or follow-up inquiries, the FCC must be contacted to consult with the non-responding Indian tribe or NHO.

4.2 FCC TOWER CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The TCNS is an Internet-based notification system developed by the FCC that allows input of basic information regarding the proposed location, type, and height of a new wireless telecommunications tower. This information is then made available to Indian tribes and NHOs that have expressed an interest in the state or geographical location containing the proposed wireless telecommunications tower via electronic or regular mail. According to the FCC the TCNS can be used as the initial contact to Indian tribes or NHOs.

Information regarding the proposed wireless telecommunications tower was submitted to Indian tribes, NHOs, and SHPOs via the TCNS on October 2, 2010. The FCC assigned Notification I.D. #56607 to the notification submitted for this proposed wireless telecommunications tower. The FCC sent an electronic mail notification to our office on October 9, 2009 listing the Indian tribes, NHOs, and SHPOs that were contacted through the TCNS regarding the proposed tower. As noted in Section 4.1, the NPA requires that we obtain a response from each Indian tribe or NHO that has indicated an interest in the geographical area or state containing the site.



Environmental Engineers, Inc. used the list of Indian tribes that had defined their area of geographical interest on the FCC Internet web site, conversations with Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs), Internet web sites for many of the Indian tribes and Alaskan villages, and the *Encyclopedia of North American Indians* by Frederick E. Hoxie (published in 1996 by Houghton Mifflin) to determine which Indian tribes included in the TCNS list would be interested in this wireless telecommunications tower site. This review indicated that the following Indian tribes would have a potential interest in this wireless telecommunications tower site: Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Kialegee Tribal Town, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Seminole Tribe of Florida, and the Tunica-Biloxi Indians of Louisiana. A description of the follow-ups to and responses from each of these Indian tribes are included in Sections 4.5.1 through 4.5.6. Copies of the TCNS notifications and list of Indian tribes, NHOs, and SHPOs are included in Appendix F.

4.3 FCC FORM 620

MRS Consultants, LLC and Environmental Engineers, Inc. completed the FCC Form 620 required for submittal to those Indian tribes requesting additional information regarding the proposed wireless telecommunications tower and the SHPO. MRS Consultants, LLC personnel satisfy the United States Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards. A copy of the FCC Form 620 prepared for this site is included in Appendix G.

4.4 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

The FCC Form 620 was submitted to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) for review. Based on the review of this report, the MDAH responded via letter dated November 25, 2009 stating "...we concur that no cultural resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be directly or visually affected. Therefore, we have no reservations with the undertaking." Copies of the correspondence to and from the MDAH are included in Appendix H.

4.5 INDIAN TRIBAL CONSULTATION

Environmental Engineers, Inc. followed up with each of the Indian tribes (as necessary) that we had identified through our review of the TCNS listing provided by the FCC for this site. Sections 4.5.1 through 4.5.6 describe our follow-up contacts to each of these Indian tribes and their responses.

4.5.1 Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas

Mr. Bryant Celestine of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas responded via electronic mail dated December 11, 2009 regarding TCNS #56607 stating "On behalf of Chief Oscola Clayton Sylestine and the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe, our appreciation is expressed on your efforts to consult us regarding TCNS #56607 in Lowndes County. Our Tribe maintains ancestral associations within the state of Mississippi despite the absence of written documentation to completely identify Tribal activities, villages, trails, or burial sites. However, it is our objective to ensure significances of Native American



ancestry, especially of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe, are administered with the utmost regard. Upon review of your November 17, 2009 submission, no known impacts to religious, cultural, or historical assets of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas should occur in conjunction with this proposal. However, in the event of inadvertent discovery of human remains and/or archaeological artifacts, activity in proximity to the location must cease and appropriate authorities, including this office, notified without delay.” Copies of the correspondence to and from Mr. Celestine are included in Appendix I.

4.5.2 Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Ms. Caren Johnson of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma responded via electronic mail on January 7, 2010 stating that “The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has reviewed cell tower(s) FCC # 56607 and based on the information provided to the best of our knowledge it will have no adverse effect on any historic properties in the project’s area of potential effect. However, should construction expose buried archaeological or building materials such as chipped stone, tools, pottery, bone, historic crockery, glass or metal items, or should it uncover evidence of buried historic building materials such as rock foundations, brick, or hand poured concrete, this office should be contacted immediately @ 1-800-522-6170 ext. 2137.” Copies of the correspondence to and the response from Ms. Johnson are included in Appendix I.

4.5.3 Kialegee Tribal Town

The TCNS listing (Appendix F) for this site included information from the Kialegee Tribal Town that states “If the Applicant receives no response from the Kialegee Tribal Town within 30 days after notification through TCNS, the Kialegee Tribal Town has no interest in participating in pre-construction review for the site. The Applicant, however, must immediately notify the Kialegee Tribal Town in the event archaeological properties or human remains are discovered during construction.” The TCNS notification for this site is dated October 9, 2009 and the end of the 30-day period indicated by the Kialegee Tribal Town was November 8, 2009. Environmental Engineers, Inc. has not received a response from the Kialegee Tribal Town as of the date of this report. Therefore, it is our understanding that additional consultation with the Kialegee Tribal Town is not necessary.

4.5.4 Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

The TCNS listing (Appendix F) for this site included information from the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians that stated “If the applicant/tower builder receives no response from the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians within 30 days after you have e-mailed the [FCC Form 620]...then the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians has no interest in participating in pre-construction review for the proposed site. The Applicant/tower builder, however, must immediately notify the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians in the event archaeological properties or human remains are discovered during construction...” The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians was notified via electronic mail dated November 17, 2009 and the end of the 30-day period indicated by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians was December 17, 2009. Environmental Engineers, Inc. has not received a response from the



Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians as of the date of this report. Therefore, it is our understanding that additional consultation with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians is not necessary. A copy of the electronic mail submitted to the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians is included in Appendix I.

4.5.5 Seminole Tribe of Florida

Ms. Jennifer Pietarila of the Seminole Tribe of Florida (STOF) responded via TCNS on November 18, 2009 in response to TCNS #56607 stating, “The Seminole Tribe of Florida Tribal Historic Preservation Office (STOF-THPO) has received your email correspondence concerning the aforementioned project. The STOF-THPO concurs with your findings of ‘no historic properties’. However, the STOF-THPO would like to be informed should any archaeological and/or historic resources be discovered inadvertently during the construction process. We thank you for the opportunity to review the information that has been sent to date regarding this project.” Copies of the correspondence to and from the Seminole Tribe of Florida are included in Appendix I.

4.5.6 Tunica-Biloxi Indians of Louisiana

Mr. Earl Barbry of the Tunica-Biloxi Indians of Louisiana was contacted via electronic mail on May 3, 2005 regarding submittal of wireless telecommunications projects. Mr. Barbry responded via electronic mail on May 3, 2005 and indicated that he wanted to be notified regarding cell tower requests via electronic mail and that if he had not responded within 30 days of our contacting him, the project can proceed. We contacted Mr. Barbry regarding this site via electronic mail on November 17, 2009, and the end of the 30-day response period as indicated by Mr. Barbry was December 17, 2009. We have not received a response from Mr. Barbry as of the date of this report. Therefore, we have assumed that the Tunica-Biloxi Indians of Louisiana concur with the proposed project. Copies of the electronic mail to and from Mr. Barbry are included in Appendix I.

4.6 INADVERTENT DISCOVERY

The personnel that will have a potential to be involved in land-disturbing activities must be instructed to stop work immediately and contact the Indian tribes that have indicated an interest in the project area and SHPO in the event of an inadvertent discovery of human remains or cultural materials. The Indian tribe, contact name, and telephone number for each of the interested Indian tribes and SHPO are included in the table on the following page. A copy of this information must be provided to all personnel that would have a potential to be involved in land-disturbing activities at the site.



Organization	Contact	Telephone Number
Mississippi Department of Archives and History - SHPO	Mr. Jim Woodrick	(601) 576-6940
Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas	Mr. Bryant Celestine	(936) 563-1282
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	Mr. Terry Cole	(800) 522-6170 x2137
Kialegee Tribal Town	Mekko Jennie Lillard	(405) 452-5200
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians	Mr. Ken Carleton	(601) 650-7316
Seminole Tribe of Florida	Mr. Willard Steele	(863) 902-1113 x103
Tunica-Biloxi Indians of Louisiana	Mr. Earl Barbry, Jr.	(318) 253-0213 x6851

4.7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowndes County Board of Supervisors and the Columbus and Lowndes County Historical Society were contacted regarding the proposed wireless communications tower via letters dated October 6, 2009. No response has been received from the Lowndes County Board of Supervisors or the Columbus and Lowndes County Historical Society as of the date of this report. A public notice was published in the *Commercial Dispatch* on October 8, 2009 requesting comment regarding potential impacts to historical or archaeological properties by the proposed wireless communications tower. No comments have been received as of the date of this report in response to the public notice. Copies of the correspondence to the Lowndes County Board of Supervisors and the Columbus and Lowndes County Historical Society, and a copy of the public notice are included in Appendix J.

5.0 FLOODPLAIN INFORMATION

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) "Page 65 of 175, Lowndes County, Mississippi and Incorporated Areas" effective date September 7, 1998, the site is located in an area designated as Zone AE which is described as a special flood hazard area. Therefore, the site is located within a floodplain. According to Mr. Taylor Robinson of Towers of Mississippi, one alternative site was considered. The alternate site is located west of the Proposed Action. However, the alternate site is owned by the same landowner as the Proposed Action location, and he would not agree to placement of the tower in that portion of his property. Columbus Air Force Base airspace restrictions exclude properties to the north, the City of Columbus limits potential alternate sites to the south, and Luxapallila Creek limits potential alternate sites to the east. The portion of the FEMA FIRM depicting the site is included as Figure 7.

It should be noted that the towers that comprise the MSWIN system are considered critical facilities and project design requirements include that the communications equipment at each facility be elevated at least five feet above the 500-year flood elevation (where mapped). In areas where the 500-year floodplain is not mapped, the equipment will be elevated a minimum of five feet above the 100-year base flood elevation. The FIRM depicting the site location does not include areas of 500-year flood; therefore, it is our understanding that the support equipment at this facility will be elevated at least five feet above the 100-year base flood elevation. Elevating the equipment will minimize the environmental impacts associated with construction within the 100-year floodplain. In this way, expected damages from a 100-year flood event are expected to be negligible. No significant



environmental impact associated with increased impermeable surface within the floodplain is expected to result from the proposed action.

6.0 WETLANDS AND SENSITIVE VEGETATION DELINEATION

Information on the USFWS Wetlands Geodatabase website was reviewed to determine if any wetlands were delineated on or near the site. Based on a review of this map, portions of two of the guy anchors at the site appear to be located in potential, jurisdictional wetland areas. A copy of a portion of the USFWS Wetlands Geodatabase map containing the site has been included as Figure 8.

On October 29, 2009 a wetland delineation was conducted at the site by Environmental Engineers, Inc. The results of the delineation indicated that the majority of the proposed project will not be located within an area determined to be within Corps of Engineers jurisdiction. The 100-foot by 100-foot lease area and the eastern and western guy anchors are located within areas determined not to be within Corps of Engineers jurisdiction.

The guy anchor easements measure 50 feet by 200 feet and extend across a portion of a pine plantation. However, the guy anchors will be enclosed in chain-link fences that measure approximately 6-foot by 15-foot (0.002 acres) extending to the point where guy lines are five feet above ground level.

The northern-half of the northern 6-foot by 15-foot guy anchor is located within an area determined to be within Corps of Engineers jurisdiction. This area measures 0.002 acres in size (total number of acres of wetlands to be affected by this project) which falls within the 0.5 acre limit of a Nationwide Permit 12 for utility line activities.

Information regarding the proposed project was submitted to the Department of the Army Corps of Engineers for review. The Department of the Army responded via letter dated March 10, 2010 stating “Based upon the information and plans you provided, we hereby verify that the work described above, which would be performed in accordance with the received drawings, is authorized by Nationwide Permit (NWP) 39 in accordance with 33 CFR Part 330 of our regulations....Compensatory mitigation will not be required for this project as the filling activity is minimal.” Development of the proposed project will comply with the terms and conditions of the NWP applicable to this site. Copies of the correspondence submitted to and response from the Department of the Army are included as Appendix K.

As noted in Section 5.0, according to Mr. Taylor Robinson of Towers of Mississippi, one alternative site was considered. The alternate site is located west of the Proposed Action. However, the alternate site is owned by the same landowner as the Proposed Action location, and he would not agree to placement of the tower in that portion of his property. Columbus Air Force Base airspace restrictions exclude properties to the north, the City of Columbus limits potential alternate sites to the south, and Luxapallila Creek limits potential alternate sites to the east.



7.0 PRIME FARMLAND

From the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Internet website:

The National Agricultural Land Study of 1980-81 found that millions of acres of farmland were being converted in the United States each year. The 1981 Congressional report, Compact Cities: Energy-Saving Strategies for the Eighties, identified the need for Congress to implement programs and policies to protect farmland and combat urban sprawl and the waste of energy and resources that accompanies sprawling development.

The Compact Cities report indicated that much of the sprawl was the result of programs funded by the Federal Government. With this in mind, Congress passed the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (Public Law 97-98) containing the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA)—Subtitle I of Title XV, Section 1539-1549. The final rules and regulations were published in the Federal Register on June 17, 1994.

The FPPA is intended to minimize the impact Federal programs have on the unnecessary and irreversible conversion of farmland to nonagricultural uses. It assures that—to the extent possible—Federal programs are administered to be compatible with state, local units of government, and private programs and policies to protect farmland. Federal agencies are required to develop and review their policies and procedures to implement the FPPA every two years.

For the purpose of FPPA, farmland includes prime farmland, unique farmland, and land of statewide or local importance. Farmland subject to FPPA requirements does not have to be currently used for cropland. It can be forest land, pastureland, cropland, or other land, but not water or urban built-up land.

According to the USDA's Soil Survey of Lowndes County, Mississippi, issued September 1979, soils of the 100-foot by 100-foot lease area, the southern guy anchor easement, and portions of the northern and western guy anchor easements are classified as Prentiss loam, zero to two percent slopes. Soils along portions of the northern and western guy anchor easements are classified as Kinston loam, zero to two percent slopes.

Prentiss loam, zero to two percent slopes, is a well-drained soil on broad flats. Typically, the surface layer is dark brown loam about seven inches thick. The upper part of the subsoil, to a depth of 26 inches, is yellowish-brown loam. The lower part to a depth of 73 inches is a fragipan of sandy loam and loam mottled in shades of brown, gray, and red.



Kinston loam, zero to two percent slopes, is a poorly drained, alluvial soil on flood plains. Typically, the surface layer is dark grayish-brown loam about seven inches thick. It has dark yellowish-brown mottles. The subsoil to a depth of about 65 inches is light brownish-gray loam mottled in shades of brown.

EEI submitted information regarding the proposed project to the USDA NRCS office in Jackson, Mississippi via letter dated November 24, 2009. The NRCS responded via letter dated December 16, 2009 stating “A FPPA determination is not necessary since no permanent conversion of land is planned.” We have included copies of the correspondence to and from the NRCS as Appendix L.

8.0 LIGHTING

The proposed tower will not be equipped with high intensity white lighting.

9.0 RADIO FREQUENCY RADIATION

It is our understanding that the proposed antenna should comply with FCC requirements for RF related emissions established in 47 CFR Section 1.1307 provided that the antennas are mounted such that the height above ground level for the lowest point of the antennas is at least 10 meters.

10.0 ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION

10.1 NATIONAL SCENIC AND HISTORIC TRAILS

The proposed project will not impact national scenic or historic trails. No national scenic or historic trails are located in Lowndes County, Mississippi. Maps showing National Scenic Trails and All-American Roads in Mississippi are included in Appendix M.

10.2 NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS

A review of information available through the Rivers.gov Internet website indicates that one Wild and Scenic River is located in Mississippi. This Wild and Scenic River is a section of Black Creek located in the DeSoto National Forest in southeastern Mississippi. The proposed communications facility will not have an adverse affect on any designated Wild and Scenic River. Information regarding the Black Creek Wild and Scenic River is included as Appendix N.

11.0 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Cumulative impacts are an incremental impact on either the natural environment or human environment by an action when added to past and anticipated future actions. No ongoing or proposed actions are known for the project area. As described in Section 1.0 of this document, the proposed tower is designed to allow collocation of up to three additional cellular-type service providers, thereby potentially reducing cumulative impacts.



12.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

12.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT

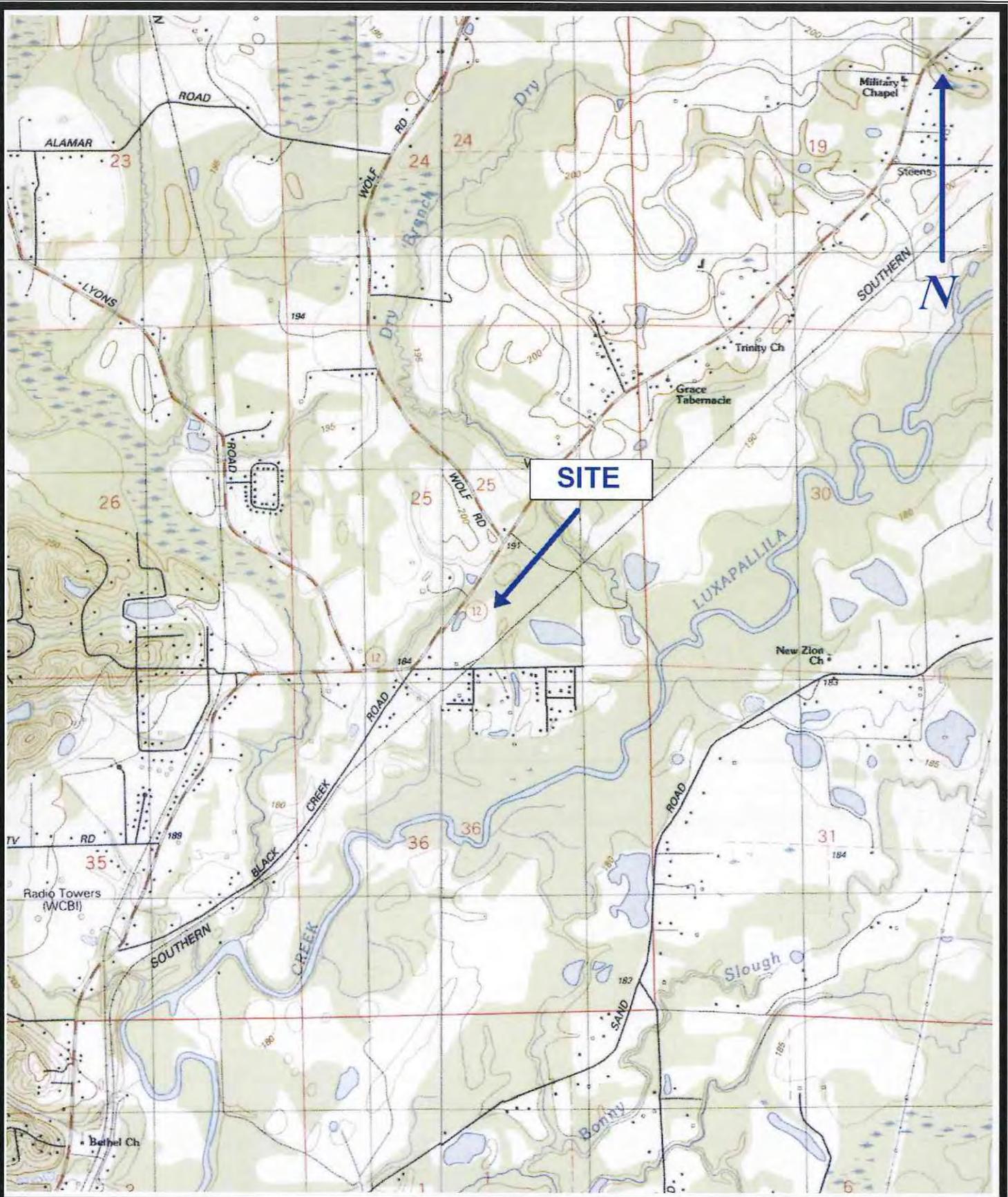
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12.2 PUBLIC NOTICE

A public notice was published in the *Commercial Dispatch* on October 8, 2009 requesting comment regarding potential impacts to historical or archaeological properties by the proposed wireless communications tower. No comments have been received as of the date of this report in response to the public notice. In addition, notice of availability of this draft Environmental Assessment will be published in *The Clarion Ledger*.



Figures

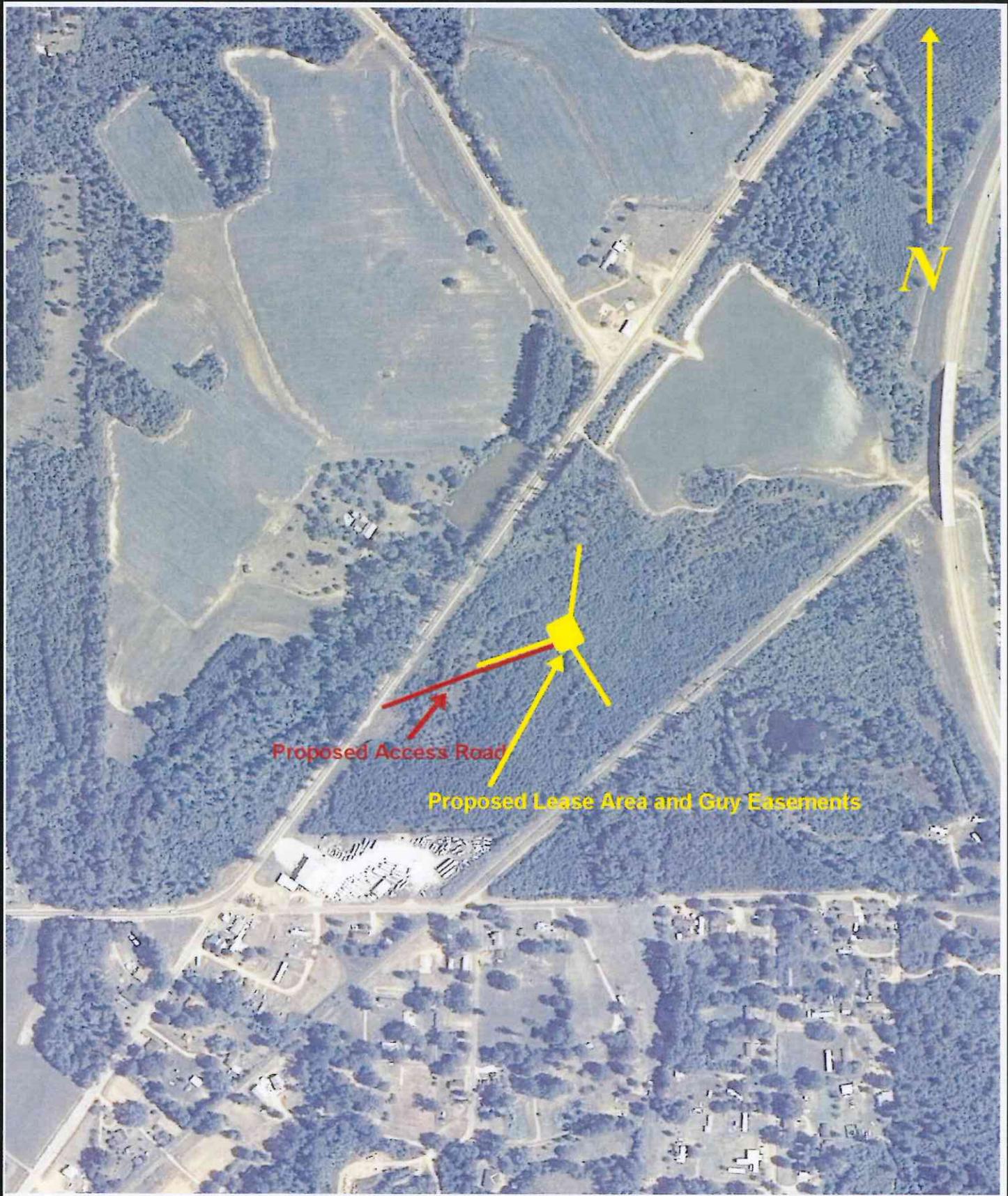


Environmental Engineers, Inc.

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 Draft Environmental Assessment
 Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Columbus Communications Tower
 Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi
 Project No.: JSE01P0920

Figure 1
 Site Location Map
 Scale: 1" = 2,000'





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Figure 2
2007 Aerial Photograph

Scale: Unknown





View from the center of the site toward the north.



View from the center of the site toward the east.

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Figure 3
Site Photographs





View from the center of the site toward the south.



View from the center of the site toward the west.

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Figure 4
Site Photographs





View along the proposed site access road looking toward the site.



View of the proposed northern guy anchor location. View is toward the south.

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Figure 5
Site Photographs





View along the southeastern guy anchor easement looking toward the site.



View along the southwestern guy anchor easement looking toward the site.

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Figure 6
Site Photographs

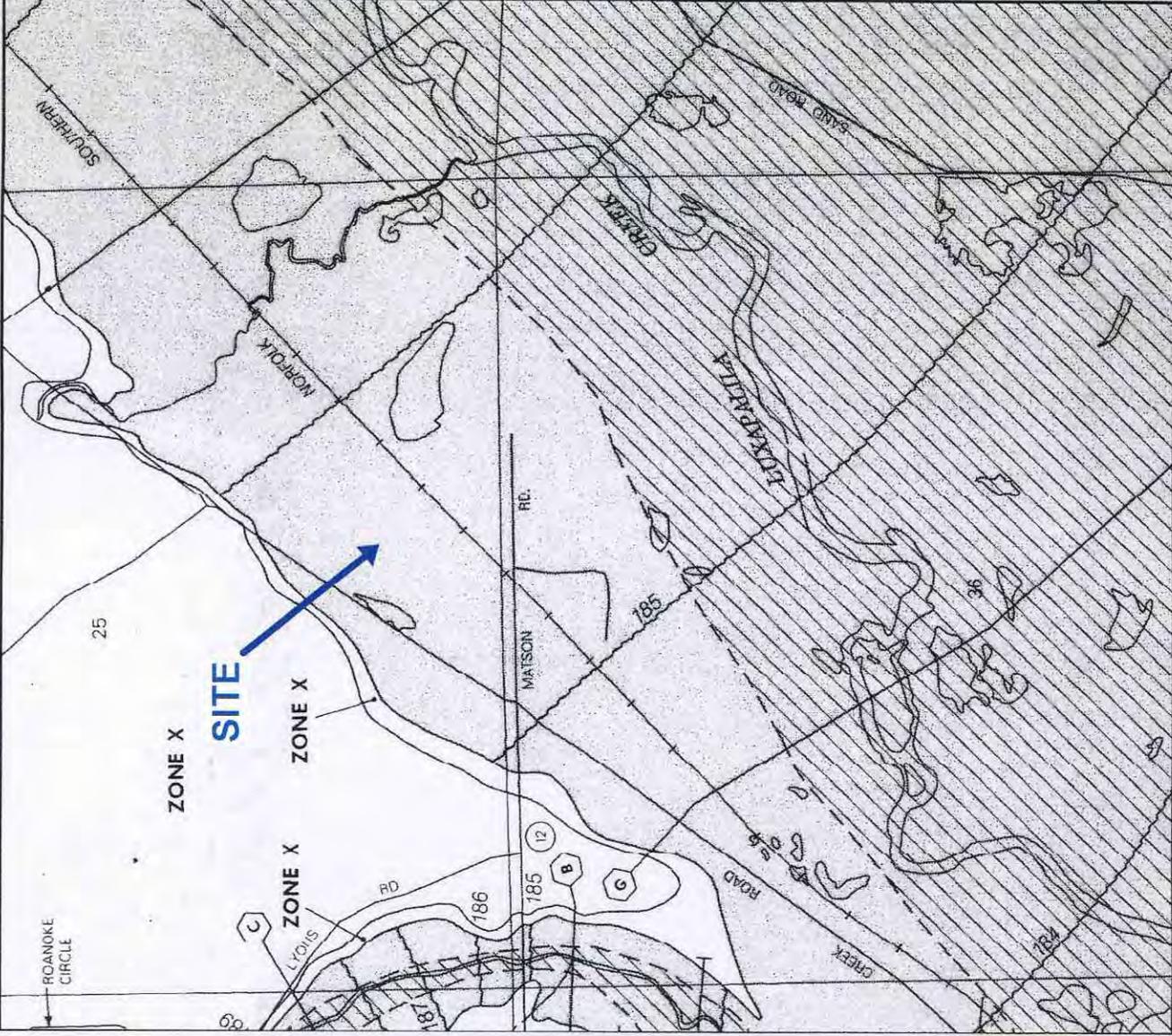


To determine if flood insurance is available in this community, contact your insurance agent or call the National Flood Insurance Program at: 800/638-6622



APPROXIMATE SCALE

1000 FEET



NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

FIRM
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP
 LOWNDES COUNTY,
 MISSISSIPPI
 AND INCORPORATED AREAS

PANEL 65 OF 175
 (SEE MAP INDEX FOR PANELS NOT PRINTED)

CONTAINS:

COMMUNITY	NUMBER	PANEL	SUFFIX
COLUMBUS CITY, MS	28098	0065	J
LOWNDES COUNTY	28099	0065	J

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Federal Emergency Management Agency

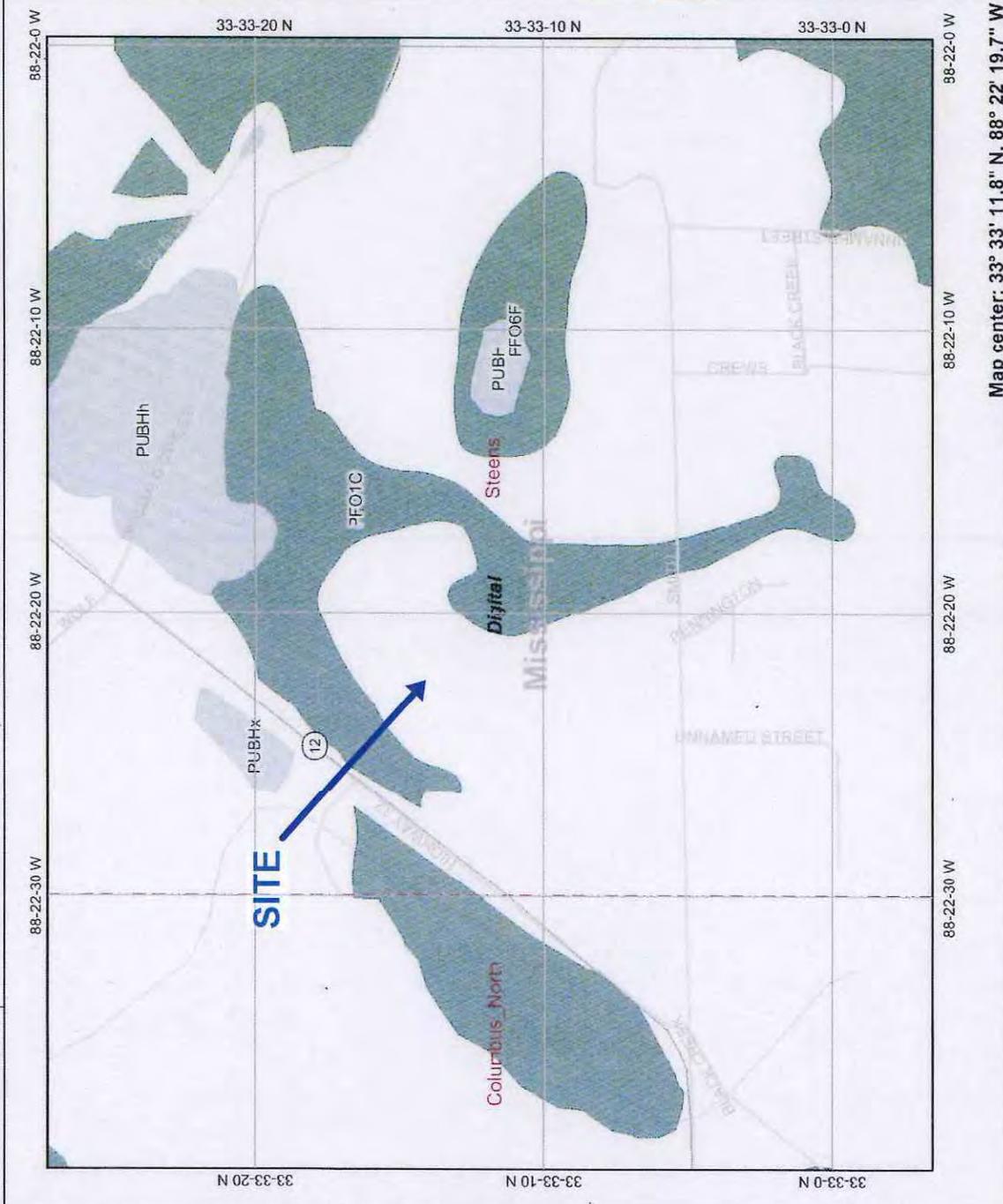
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Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Communications Tower

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Figure 7

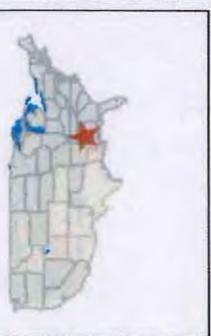
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Notes: Proposed MSWIN 20507B Tower
Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi

Map center: 33° 33' 11.8" N, 88° 22' 19.7" W



Legend

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- Interstate
- Major Roads
- Other Road
- Interstate
- State highway
- US highway
- Roads
- Cities
- USGS Quad Index 24K
- Lower 48 Wetland Polygons
 - Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
 - Estuarine and Marine Wetland
 - Freshwater Emergent Wetland
 - Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
 - Freshwater Pond
 - Lake
 - Other
 - Riverine
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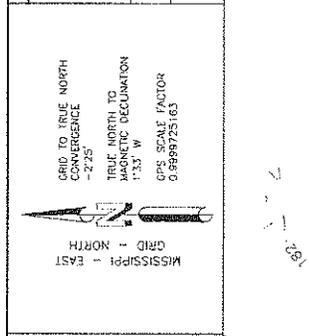
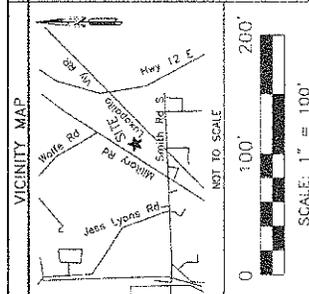
Appendix A

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RAWLAND TOWER SURVEY
 ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS
 1509 Woods of Riverchase Drive
 Hoover, Alabama 35244
 Phone: 205-252-6955
 www.smweng.com



- LEGEND**
- = 5/8" CAPPED REDBAR SET (SMW LS 02885)
 - = FOUND PROPERTY MARKER
 - = SET P.N. NAIL
 - POB = POINT OF BEGINNING
 - POC = POINT OF COMMENCEMENT
 - POE = POINT OF ENDING
 - ▲ = CALCULATED POINT
 - ⊕ = RECEIVED INFORMATION
 - ⊗ = POWER POLE
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 - ⊛ = TELEPHONE POSTAL
 - = RIGHT-OF-WAY
 - = OVERHEAD POWER



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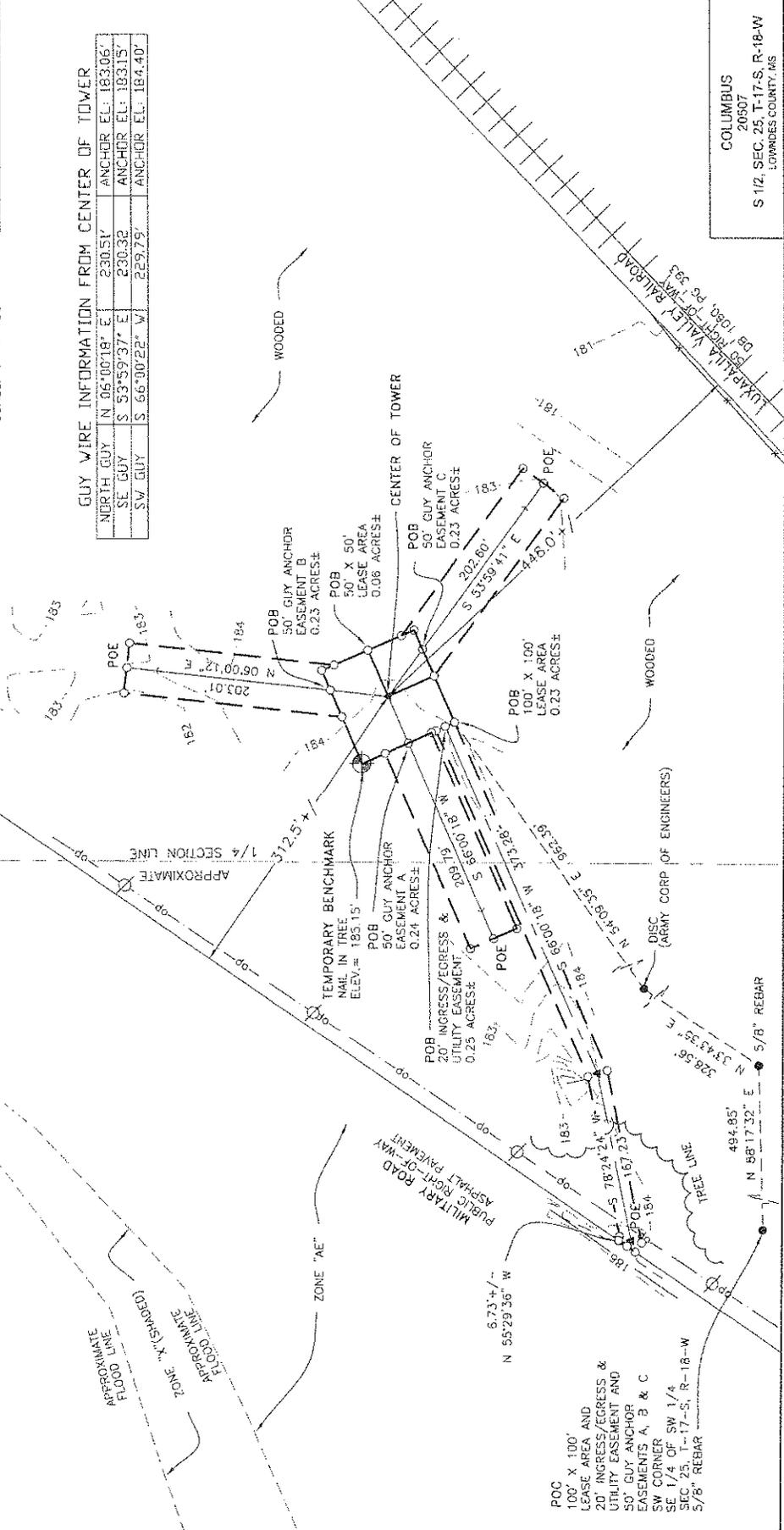
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TOWER INFO

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 LONGITUDE: 88°22'22.80" WEST
 (NAD83)
 GROUND ELEVATION: 184.1' ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL
 (NAVD83)

SITE ADDRESS:
 11578 US HWY 411
 MILITARY ROAD, MS 39701



COLUMBUS
 20507
 S 1/2, SEC. 25, T-17-S, R-18-W
 LOWNDES COUNTY, MS

LUYALA VALLEY RAILROAD
 DB 1083, PG 393
 DB RIGHT OF WAY

WOODED

DISC (ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS)

MILITARY ROAD
 PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY
 ASPHALT PAVEMENT

ZONE 'AE'
 APPROXIMATE FLOOD LINE
 ZONE 'X' (SHADE)
 APPROXIMATE FLOOD LINE

POC 100' X 100' LEASE AREA AND 20' INGRESS/EGRESS & UTILITY EASEMENT AND 50' GUY ANCHOR EASEMENTS A, B & C SW CORNER SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 SEC 25, T-17-S, R-18-W 5/8" REBAR

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COMPOUND DETAIL

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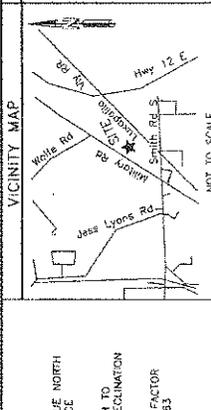
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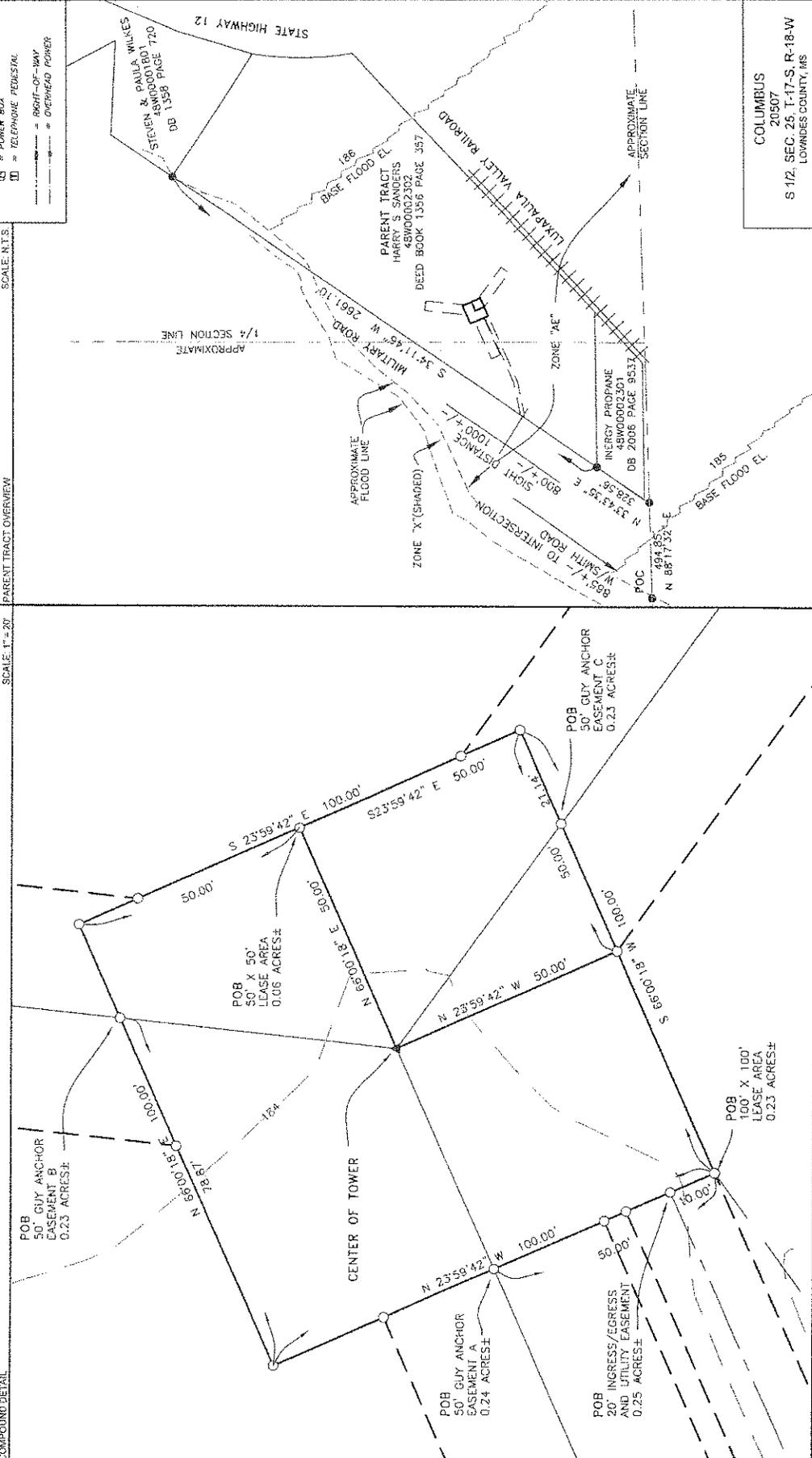
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REGIONS

STATE: ALABAMA
 COUNTY: LOUISIANA
 SECTION: 26
 TOWNSHIP: 17-S
 RANGE: 18-W

Appendix B

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U.S. National Wilderness Preservation System Map

Click inside a wilderness polygon to open an information window (window may take a second to appear). Want to [give us feedback](#) on our map?

Print/View/Download:

Zoom: U.S. State Wilderness

On/Off: Wilderness Names

Key: BLM FWS FS NPS



Latitude/longitude: 31.0299897, -89.021530

Disclaimer: Wilderness.net's GIS-based map overlays wilderness boundaries on satellite data provided by Google Maps. Boundary updates are obtained from the wilderness management agencies. Boundary names containing "(Draft boundary)" have not been finalized and are not official. Different wildernesses treat inholdings differently, so you should consult agency-specific maps to identify the exact location of private inholdings within wilderness. Wilderness.net manages this map as a service to Internet users of digital

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On 3/30/09 President Obama signed the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public law 111-11) into law. This law designated 52 new wilderness areas and added acreage to 26 existing areas, a total addition to the NWPS of over 2 million acres. All these new areas are now pictured on Wilderness.net's maps. You can also [view a list of all areas affected by Public Law 111-11](#) with links to more information about them.

Maps of the National Wilderness Preservation System have been produced for many years. Read about the [history of wilderness mapping](#).



Feedback Analytics

Black Creek Wilderness Fact Sheet

General

The United States Congress designated the Black Creek Wilderness in 1984 and it now has a total of 5,052 acres. All of the wilderness is in Mississippi and is managed by the Forest Service.

The Black Creek Wilderness is located in the gulf coastal plains of southern Mississippi. Most of this Wilderness, the state's largest, lies in the broad valley of Black Creek, stained a deep caramel color by the tannic acid of decaying vegetation. The creek is Mississippi's only designated Wild and Scenic River (for 21 miles) with the emphasis exclusively on scenic. It bisects the Wilderness, creating a hardwood floodplain of oxbow lakes and thick stands of sweet gum, sweet bay, red maple, oak, pine, and bald cypress. The 5- to 20-foot banks offer plenty of white sandbars suitable for camping or a picnic. You may want to float the meandering creek leisurely paddling your canoe. If the water level is running low, keep an eye out for logs.

The Black Creek National Recreation Trail (open only to foot traffic) runs about 41 miles along the drainage of Black Creek, with about 10 miles within the Wilderness. Here you'll be on a part of the Lower Coastal Plain: piney woods growing over low rolling hills with a few moderate ridges. The relatively flat terrain rises 100 feet on Black Creek itself to only 270 feet on nearby uplands.

Bass and panfish attract anglers, and hunters come in their season, mostly for deer. On many days you'll see no evidence that a human has ever stepped foot in the Wilderness or dipped a canoe paddle into Black Creek.

Area Management

The Black Creek Wilderness is part of the 109 million acre National Wilderness Preservation System. This System of lands provides clean air, water, and habitat critical for rare and endangered plants and animals. In wilderness, you can enjoy challenging recreational activities like hiking, backpacking, climbing, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, horse packing, bird watching, stargazing, and extraordinary opportunities for solitude. You play an important role in helping to *"secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness"* as called for by the Congress of the United States through the Wilderness Act of 1964. Please follow the requirements outlined below and use Leave No Trace techniques when visiting the Black

Creek Wilderness to ensure protection of this unique area.

General Wilderness Prohibitions

Motorized equipment and equipment used for mechanical transport is generally prohibited on all federal lands designated as wilderness. This includes the use of motor vehicles, motorboats, motorized equipment, bicycles, hang gliders, wagons, carts, portage wheels, and the landing of aircraft including helicopters, unless provided for in specific legislation.

In a few areas some exceptions allowing the use of motorized equipment or mechanical transport are described in the special regulations in effect for a specific area. Contact the Forest Service office or visit the websites listed below for more specific information.

These general prohibitions have been implemented for all national forest wildernesses in order to implement the provisions of the Wilderness Act of 1964. The Wilderness Act requires management of human-caused impacts and protection of the area's wilderness character to insure that it is "unimpaired for the future use and enjoyment as wilderness." Use of the equipment listed as prohibited in wilderness is inconsistent with the provision in the Wilderness Act which mandates opportunities for solitude or primitive recreation and that wilderness is a place that is in contrast with areas where people and their works are dominant.

Wilderness-Specific Regulations

Wilderness managers often need to take action to limit the impacts caused by visitor activities in order to protect the natural conditions of wilderness as required by the Wilderness Act of 1964. Managers typically implement 'indirect' types of actions such as information and education measures before selecting more restrictive measures. When regulations are necessary, they are implemented with the specific intent of balancing the need to preserve the character of the wilderness while providing for the use and enjoyment of wilderness.

The following wilderness regulations are in effect for this area. Not all regulations are in effect for every wilderness. Contact the national forest office or visit the websites listed below for more specific information about the regulations listed.

- AREA CLOSURE

- THE FOLLOWING ACTS ARE PROHIBITED: 1. STORING EQUIPMENT, PERSONAL PROPERTY, OR SUPPLIES. 2. DISPOSING OF DEBRIS GARBAGE, OR OTHER WASTE. 3. POSSESSING OR USING A WAGON, CART, OR OTHER VEHICLE. 4. OPERATING AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE, EXCEPT FOR OUTBOARD MOTORS IN BLACK CREEK RIVER. 5. POSSESSING, DISCHARGING, OR USING ANY TYPE FIREWORKS OR OTHER PYROTECHNIC DEVICE. VIOLATION OF THIS PROHIBITION IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN SIX MONTHS OR BOTH.
- MAXIMUM LENGTH OF STAY : 30 DAYS
 - CAMPING FOR A PERIOD LONGER THAN THIRTY (30) CONSECUTIVE DAYS ON ALL FOREST SERVICE LANDS IN MISSISSIPPI WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DEVELOPED RECREATION AREAS IS PROHIBITED. VIOLATION OF THIS PROHIBITION IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN SIX MONTHS OR BOTH.

Contacts

De Soto Ranger District

PO BOX 248

654 WEST FRONTAGE ROAD

WIGGINS, MS 39577

Restrictions: Office hours are from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

Phone: 601-928-6160

Links to Other Websites

<http://www.southernregion.fs.fed.us/mississippi/desoto/> -- De Soto Ranger District Website - National Forests in Mississippi

Links on Wilderness.net

<http://www.wilderness.net/index.cfm?fuse=NWPS&sec=links&WLCID=7#results> -- National, Regional and Local Wilderness Organizations (NGOs)

A listing of societies, organizations, coalitions and other wilderness-related advocacy and stewardship groups.

<http://www.wilderness.net/index.cfm?fuse=NWPS&sec=links&WLCID=11#results> -- Career and Volunteer Opportunities

A listing of sites providing information about wilderness- and environmentally-related career and volunteer opportunities.

Things to Consider When Planning a Trip to Wilderness

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
 - Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you'll visit.
 - Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies.
 - Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use.
 - Visit in small groups. Split larger parties into groups of 4-6.
 - Repackage food to minimize waste.
 - Use a map and compass to eliminate the use of marking paint, rock cairns or flagging.
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
 - Durable surfaces include established trails and campsites, rock, gravel, dry grasses or snow.
 - Protect riparian areas by camping at least 200 feet from lakes and streams.
 - Good campsites are found, not made. Altering a site is not necessary.
 - In popular areas:
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- Backpack
- Clothing
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- Water filter or water treatment kit
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- Sun glasses
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- Repair kits for your stove, tent, backpack, hiking boots etc.
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are now pictured on Wilderness.net's maps. You can also view a list of all areas affected by Public Law 111-11 with links to more information about them.

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Leaf Wilderness Fact Sheet

General

The United States Congress designated the Leaf Wilderness in 1984 and it now has a total of 994 acres. All of the wilderness is in Mississippi and is managed by the Forest Service.

South Mississippi's tiny Leaf Wilderness lies almost entirely on the floodplain of the east-flowing Leaf River, just north of Black Creek Wilderness. Except for a little western upland, the entire Wilderness consists of meandering sloughs, oxbow lakes, and level terrain of spruce-pine forest or oak-gum-cypress river bottom. Loblolly and shortleaf pines shade the upland, with a dense understory of dogwood, redbud, persimmon, blueberries, and honeysuckle. The only threatening shrub is poison oak, which always seems to find a way to make contact with exposed skin. The 1.5 mile Leaf Trail, one of two main attractions in the area, crosses the Wilderness and three bridges and a boardwalk to access this piece of Mississippi, where camping is unrestricted. The other attraction is wildlife, including white-tailed deer and wild turkeys, which bring in hunters during the fall months.

Area Management

The Leaf Wilderness is part of the 109 million acre National Wilderness Preservation System. This System of lands provides clean air, water, and habitat critical for rare and endangered plants and animals. In wilderness, you can enjoy challenging recreational activities like hiking, backpacking, climbing, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, horse packing, bird watching, stargazing, and extraordinary opportunities for solitude. You play an important role in helping to *"secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness"* as called for by the Congress of the United States through the Wilderness Act of 1964. Please follow the requirements outlined below and use Leave No Trace techniques when visiting the Leaf Wilderness to ensure protection of this unique area.

General Wilderness Prohibitions

Motorized equipment and equipment used for mechanical transport is generally prohibited on all federal lands designated as wilderness. This includes the use of motor vehicles, motorboats, motorized equipment, bicycles, hang gliders, wagons, carts, portage wheels, and the landing of aircraft including helicopters, unless provided for in

specific legislation.

In a few areas some exceptions allowing the use of motorized equipment or mechanical transport are described in the special regulations in effect for a specific area. Contact the Forest Service office or visit the websites listed below for more specific information.

These general prohibitions have been implemented for all national forest wildernesses in order to implement the provisions of the Wilderness Act of 1964. The Wilderness Act requires management of human-caused impacts and protection of the area's wilderness character to insure that it is "unimpaired for the future use and enjoyment as wilderness." Use of the equipment listed as prohibited in wilderness is inconsistent with the provision in the Wilderness Act which mandates opportunities for solitude or primitive recreation and that wilderness is a place that is in contrast with areas where people and their works are dominant.

Wilderness-Specific Regulations

Wilderness managers often need to take action to limit the impacts caused by visitor activities in order to protect the natural conditions of wilderness as required by the Wilderness Act of 1964. Managers typically implement 'indirect' types of actions such as information and education measures before selecting more restrictive measures. When regulations are necessary, they are implemented with the specific intent of balancing the need to preserve the character of the wilderness while providing for the use and enjoyment of wilderness.

The following wilderness regulations are in effect for this area. Not all regulations are in effect for every wilderness. Contact the national forest office or visit the websites listed below for more specific information about the regulations listed.

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- DISPOSING OF DEBRIS, GARBAGE PROHIBITED
- FIREWORKS PROHIBITED
 - POSSESSING, DISCHARGING, OR USING ANY TYPE FIREWORKS OR OTHER PYROTECHNIC DEVICE IS PROHIBITED.
- MAXIMUM LENGTH OF STAY : 30 DAYS
 - CAMPING IS PROHIBITED FOR A PERIOD OF LONGER THAN THIRTY (30) CONSECUTIVE DAYS ON ALL FOREST SERVICE LANDS IN MISSISSIPPI WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DEVELOPED RECREATION AREAS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. VIOLATION OF THIS

PROHIBITION IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000 OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN SIX MONTHS OR BOTH.

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Links to Other Websites

<http://www.southernregion.fs.fed.us/mississippi/desoto/> -- De Soto Ranger District Website - National Forests in Mississippi

Links on Wilderness.net

<http://www.wilderness.net/index.cfm?fuse=NWPS&sec=links&WLCID=7#results> -- National, Regional and Local Wilderness Organizations (NGOs)

A listing of societies, organizations, coalitions and other wilderness-related advocacy and stewardship groups.

<http://www.wilderness.net/index.cfm?fuse=NWPS&sec=links&WLCID=11#results> -- Career and Volunteer Opportunities

A listing of sites providing information about wilderness- and environmentally-related career and volunteer opportunities.

Things to Consider When Planning a Trip to Wilderness

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
 - Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you'll visit.
 - Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies.
 - Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use.

- Visit in small groups. Split larger parties into groups of 4-6.
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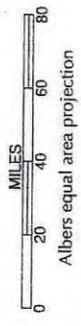
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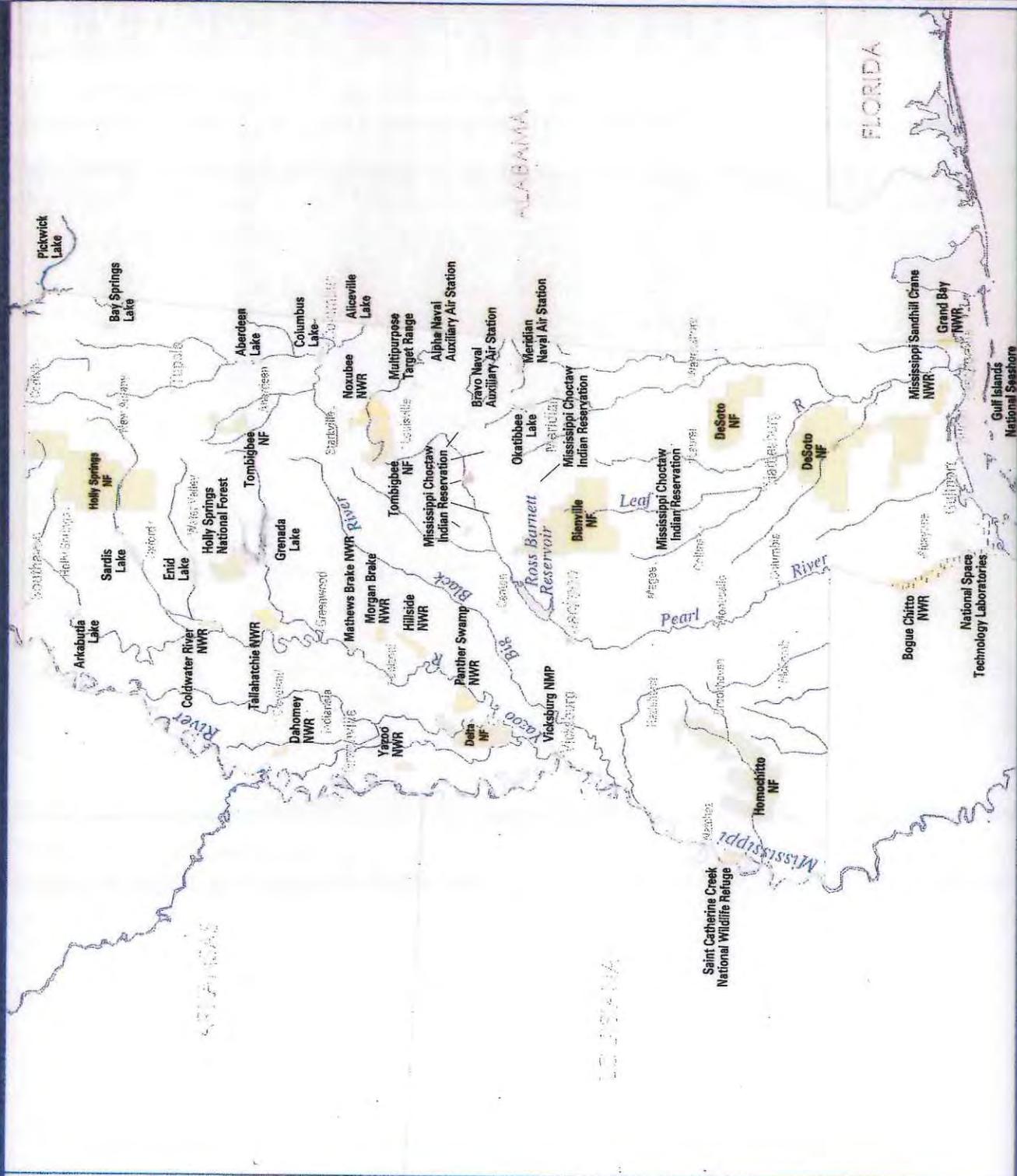
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Abbreviations

- NF National Forest
- NMP National Military Park
- NWR National Wildlife Refuge



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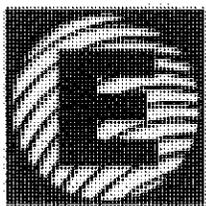
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National Wildlife Refuges

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Appendix D



ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS, INC.

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Environmental, Remediation, and Geological Consultants

January 12, 2010

Acting Supervisor
United States Fish and Wildlife Service
6578 Dogwood View Parkway
Jackson, Mississippi 39213

Subject:

**Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Communications Tower
Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi**

Environmental Engineers, Inc. Project No.: JSE01P0920

To Whom It May Concern:

Environmental Engineers, Inc. is requesting comment from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on behalf of Towers of Mississippi, the State of Mississippi, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency regarding impact to threatened or endangered species by construction of a wireless communications tower in Lowndes County, Mississippi.

The site is depicted on the United States Geological Survey 7.5-minute Topographic Quadrangle "Steens, Mississippi," dated 1987. The site is located in the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 18 West, Lowndes County, Mississippi, at latitude $33^{\circ}33'14.119''$ north and longitude $88^{\circ}22'22.906''$ west. The site consists of a proposed 100-foot by 100-foot lease area with associated guy anchor easements, and a proposed access road located off Military Road in Columbus, Mississippi.

A site reconnaissance was conducted on October 29, 2009. The site is a portion of wooded field and slopes gently down toward the north. The proposed compound is wooded with pine trees ranging from three to more than ten inches in diameter at breast height (dbh), the proposed northern and southeastern guy anchors are wooded with pine trees ranging from two to six inches dbh, and the southwestern guy anchor is wooded with hardwood trees less than three inches dbh. The northern and southeastern guy anchors appear to be located in potential wetland areas, and a pile of miscellaneous household debris overgrown with vegetation is located along a portion of the proposed access road. Proposed activities consist of construction of a 465-foot guyed communications tower (475 feet with appurtenances) and access road, enclosing the compound in a fence, placement of support equipment within the compound, and covering the compound and access road with gravel. I have included a site location map and site photographs for your review.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) lists five species as endangered and three species as threatened in Lowndes County, Mississippi (Table 1). Seven of these species are aquatic mussels found in association with highly oxygenated streams with sandy to gravel substrates. Prices' potato bean (*Apios priceana*) is found in open rocky wooded slopes usually under mixed hardwood in well-drained soils. No individuals or habitat for listed species was determined from this survey.

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Environmental Engineers, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to provide this information. Please reference the Environmental Engineers, Inc. project number (JSE01P0920) in correspondence regarding this site. Thank you for your time and assistance and we look forward to your response. Please call us at (205) 629-3868 if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS, INC.



Mindy Milam
Staff Wildlife Biologist

Attachments Site Location Map, Site Photographs, Table of Listed Species in Lowndes County, Mississippi

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February 3, 2010

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ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS, INC.
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RE: Proposed Tower in Lowndes County, Mississippi, Project: JSE01P0920

Dear Ms. Milam:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) received your letter dated January 12, 2010, regarding the proposal for a new telecommunication tower located off of Military Road in Columbus. The proposal is for construction of a 465-foot guyed wire telecommunications tower within a fenced and graveled equipment compound area and includes three guy wire anchors. Our comments are submitted in accordance with the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-711).

Price's potato bean, a threatened plant, is the only listed terrestrial species for Lowndes County. This herbaceous, twining vine is often found in wooded areas that grade into creek and river bottoms. It is unlikely that this listed species would be found at the site as documented by photographs that you provided. Therefore, the Service anticipates no impacts to this listed species to occur as a result of the proposed project. However, due to the adverse impact these towers can have on migratory birds, we would like to make several recommendations which can be found in the attached guidelines document. And finally, since two of the guy wire anchors appear to be located in wetlands, the Service also recommends that the applicant contact the Mobile District, Army Corps of Engineers regarding the need for a Department of the Army Clean Water Act, Section 404 permit.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. Please contact Terri Jacobson at (601) 321-1129 if your project plans change or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Terri Jacobson
for Stephen Ricks
Field Supervisor

Appendix E

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Tower Guidance

Communications Tower Siting, Construction, Operation, and Decommissioning

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712) prohibits the taking, killing, possession, transportation, and importation of migratory birds, their eggs, parts, and nests, except when specifically authorized by the Department of the Interior. While the Act has no provision for allowing an unauthorized take, it must be recognized that some birds may be killed at structures such as communications towers even if all reasonable measures to avoid it are implemented. The Service's Division of Law Enforcement carries out its mission to protect migratory birds not only through investigations and enforcement, but also through fostering relationships with individuals and industries that proactively seek to eliminate their impacts on migratory birds. While it is not possible under the Act to absolve individuals or companies from liability if they follow these recommended guidelines, the Division of Law Enforcement and Department of Justice have used enforcement and prosecutorial discretion in the past regarding individuals or companies who have made good faith efforts to avoid the take of migratory birds. Due to the adverse impact telecommunications towers can have on migratory birds, we would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Co-locate communications equipment on an existing communication tower or other structure (*e.g.*, billboard, water tower, or building mount). Depending on tower load factors, from 6 to 10 providers may collocate on an existing tower.
2. If co-location is not feasible and a new tower or towers are to be constructed, towers should be no more than 199 feet above ground level (AGL), use construction techniques which do not require guy wires (*e.g.*, use a lattice structure, monopole, etc.). Towers should be unlighted if Federal Aviation Administration regulations permit.
3. If constructing multiple towers, consider the cumulative impacts of all towers to migratory birds and threatened and endangered species as well as the impacts of each individual tower.
4. If at all possible, new towers should be sited within existing "antenna farms" (clusters of towers). Towers should not be sited in or near wetlands, other known bird concentration areas (*e.g.*, state or Federal refuges, staging areas, rookeries), in known migratory or daily movement flyways, or in habitat of threatened or endangered species. Towers should not be sited in areas with a high incidence of fog, mist, and low ceilings.
5. If taller (>199 feet AGL) towers requiring lights for aviation safety must be constructed, the minimum amount of pilot warning and obstruction avoidance lighting required by the FAA should be used. Unless otherwise required by the FAA, only white (preferable) or red strobe lights should be used at night, and these should be the minimum number, minimum intensity, and minimum number of flashes per minute (longest duration between flashes) allowable by the FAA. The use of solid red or pulsating red warning lights at night should be avoided. Current research indicates that solid or pulsating (beacon) red lights attract night-migrating birds at a much higher rate than white strobe lights. Red strobe lights have not yet been studied.

6. Tower designs using guy wires for support which are proposed to be located in known raptor or waterbird concentration areas or daily movement routes, or in major diurnal migratory bird movement routes or stopover sites, should have daytime visual markers on the wires to prevent collisions by these diurnally moving species. (For guidance on markers, see *Suggested Practices for Avian Protection on Power Lines: The State of the Art in 2006* - a profile of the research and safeguards available to remedy the issue of avian electrocutions. Copies can be obtained from Edison Electric Institute by calling 1-800-334-5453 or via the Internet at http://www.eei.org/products_and_services/descriptions_and_access/index.htm.)
7. Towers and appendant facilities should be sited, designed and constructed so as to avoid or minimize habitat loss within and adjacent to the tower "footprint". However, a larger tower footprint is preferable to the use of guy wires in construction. Road access and fencing should be minimized to reduce or prevent habitat fragmentation and disturbance, and to reduce above ground obstacles to birds in flight.
8. If significant numbers of breeding, feeding, or roosting birds are known to habitually use the proposed tower construction area, relocation to an alternate site is recommended.
9. In order to reduce the number of towers needed in the future, new towers should be designed structurally and electrically to accommodate comparable antennas for at least two additional users (minimum of three users for each tower structure), unless this design would require the addition of lights or guy wires to an otherwise unlighted and/or unguyed tower.
10. Security lighting for on-ground facilities and equipment should be down-shielded to keep light within the boundaries of the site.
11. Service personnel or researchers from the Communication Tower Working Group should be allowed, if asked, access to the site to evaluate bird use, conduct dead-bird searches, to place net catchments below the towers but above the ground, and to place radar, Global Positioning System, infrared, thermal imagery, and acoustical monitoring equipment as necessary to assess and verify bird movements and to gain information on the impacts of various tower sizes, configurations, and lighting systems.
12. Towers no longer in use or determined to be obsolete should be removed within twelve months of cessation of use.

These voluntary recommendations are based on the Service's Guidance on the Siting, Construction, Operation and Decommissioning of Communications Towers which can be found at <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/issues/towers/comtow.html>

In order to obtain information on the usefulness of these guidelines in preventing bird strikes, and to identify any recurring problems with their implementation which may necessitate modifications, please advise us of the final location and specifications of the proposed tower. In your response please explain which of the recommended measures were implemented and if the recommended measures could not be implemented, please explain why they were not feasible.

Appendix F

Henry Fisher

From: towernotifyinfo@fcc.gov
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2009 9:30 AM
To: towerinfo@envciv.com
Subject: Proposed Tower Structure Info - Email ID #2312986

Dear Henry A Fisher,

Thank you for submitting a notification regarding your proposed construction via the Tower Construction Notification System. Note that the system has assigned a unique Notification ID number for this proposed construction. You will need to reference this Notification ID number when you update your project's Status with us.

Below are the details you provided for the construction you have proposed:

Notification Received: 10/02/2009

Notification ID: 56607

Tower Owner Individual or Entity Name: Towers of Mississippi/State of Mississippi

Consultant Name: Henry A Fisher

Street Address: 11578 U.S. Highway 411

City: Odenville

State: ALABAMA

Zip Code: 35120

Phone: 205-629-3868

Email: towerinfo@envciv.com

Structure Type: GTOWER - Guyed Tower

Latitude: 33 deg 33 min 14.1 sec N

Longitude: 88 deg 22 min 22.9 sec W

Location Description: off of Military Road

City: Columbus

State: MISSISSIPPI

County: LOWNDES

Ground Elevation: 56.1 meters

Support Structure: 155.4 meters above ground level

Overall Structure: 155.4 meters above ground level

Overall Height AMSL: 211.5 meters above mean sea level

Henry Fisher

From: towernotifyinfo@fcc.gov
Sent: Friday, October 09, 2009 2:01 AM
To: towerinfo@envciv.com
Cc: kim.pristello@fcc.gov; diane.dupert@fcc.gov
Subject: NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION(S) WHICH WERE SENT PROPOSED TOWER CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION INFORMATION - Email ID #2314561

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for using the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS). The purpose of this electronic mail message is to inform you that the following authorized persons were sent the information you provided through TCNS, which relates to your proposed antenna structure. The information was forwarded by the FCC to authorized TCNS users by electronic mail and/or regular mail (letter).

Persons who have received the information that you provided include leaders or their designees of federally-recognized American Indian Tribes, including Alaska Native Villages (collectively "Tribes"), Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs), and State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs). For your convenience in identifying the referenced Tribes and in making further contacts, the City and State of the Seat of Government for each Tribe and NHO, as well as the designated contact person, is included in the listing below. We note that Tribes may have Section 106 cultural interests in ancestral homelands or other locations that are far removed from their current Seat of Government. Pursuant to the Commission's rules as set forth in the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Review of Effects on Historic Properties for Certain Undertakings Approved by the Federal Communications Commission (NPA), all Tribes and NHOs listed below must be afforded a reasonable opportunity to respond to this notification, consistent with the procedures set forth below, unless the proposed construction falls within an exclusion designated by the Tribe or NHO. (NPA, Section IV.F.4).

The information you provided was forwarded to the following Tribes and NHOs who have set their geographic preferences on TCNS. If the information you provided relates to a proposed antenna structure in the State of Alaska, the following list also includes Tribes located in the State of Alaska that have not specified their geographic preferences. For these Tribes and NHOs, if the Tribe or NHO does not respond within a reasonable time, you should make a reasonable effort at follow-up contact, unless the Tribe or NHO has agreed to different procedures (NPA, Section IV.F.5). In the event such a Tribe or NHO does not respond to a follow-up inquiry, or if a substantive or procedural disagreement arises between you and a Tribe or NHO, you must seek guidance from the Commission (NPA, Section IV.G). These procedures are further set forth in the FCC's Declaratory Ruling released on October 6, 2005 (FCC 05-176).

1. Historic Preservation Officer Bryant J Celestine - Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas - Livingston, TX - electronic mail

Details: The Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas requests a review fee of \$300.00 for our services including internal file searches, elder consultations, and if necessary, travel expenses in the event a site visit is necessary to complete our determination regarding your proposal. Invoices will be forwarded to the email account we receive your Form 620 (or archaeological report, maps, and pertinent site information) from upon submission to celestine.bryant@actribe.org. Fee compensation instructions will also be included.

In the event an outstanding balance occurs, a detailed invoice will be submitted in place of our determination wherein your Section 106 obligations with our Tribe are not complete until we have forwarded our written response indicating our determination.

2. THPO Kenneth H Carleton - Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians - Choctaw, MS - electronic mail

Details: Please send all information via e-mail (and only via e-mail - no paper copies please) to: choctawhp@gmail.com (9 meg attachment limit)

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians wishes to see full information packets for all towers within the designated areas for consultation.

Form 620, if it includes the a full text of the cultural resource survey with maps, is adequate for our needs. If your 620 does not include the text of the cultural resource survey, then attach it seperately.

Please include the tower identification (TCNS#, name, and any other information that may help us identify this site) and the county and state where the facility is proposed in the subject line.

If the applicant/tower builder receives no response from the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians within 30 days AFTER YOU HAVE E-MAILED THE AFOREMENTIONED INFORMATION TO US (begin counting the 30 day period AFTER the e-mail with all of the information has been sent), then the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians has no interest in participating in pre-construction review for the proposed site. The Applicant/tower builder, however, must immediately notify the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians in the event archaeological properties or human remains are discovered during construction, consistent with Section IX of the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement and applicable law.

3. Archaeological Data Analyst Jennifer L Pietarila - Seminole Tribe of Florida - Clewiston, FL - electronic mail

Details: The Seminole Tribe of Florida Tribal Historic Preservation Office requests that all correspondence be conducted via email and email attachments. We also would like to request a Form 620 or 621 be provided for every cell tower submitted to us for review. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at jenniferpietarila@semtribe.com or 863-983-6549 Ext. 12217. Thank you.

4. Director of Cultural Resources & THPO Terry D Cole - Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma - Durant, OK - electronic mail and regular mail

Details: The Applicant may conclude that the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has no interest in a site if there is existing disturbance wherein the depth of the previous disturbance exceeds the proposed construction depth (excluding footing and other anchoring mechanisms) by at least 2 feet (Applying VI - D(2)(c)(i) of the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement concerning Field Surveys; 'In the Matter of Nationwide Programmatic Agreement Regarding the Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Review Process,' Report and Order, 20 FCC Rcd. 1073, WT Docket No. 03-128, October 5, 2004).

Furthermore, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma does not have an interest in a Tower that will be constructed on an existing structure, developed land, or within city limits. However, any of the above mentioned criteria should be communicated to us if not evident in the initial Notification Details. For all other towers, we request a signed field survey report that

meets the Federal guidelines set forth by the Department of the Interior and a site location map along with pictures for each project.

Additionally, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has informed FCC Staff that if the Applicant does not receive a response from the Tribe within 30 days of a TCNS notification, then the Applicant SHOULD MAKE A GOOD FAITH EFFORT WITH A FOLLOW-UP PHONE CALL to make sure that the tribe is aware of the proposed tower project. However, should construction expose buried archaeological or building materials such as chipped stone, tools, pottery, bone, historical crockery, glass or metal items, this office should be contacted immediately @ 1-800-522-6170 ext. 2137. [n.b. Please reference the TCNS number in all communications that follow the initial notification.]

5. MEKKO and Acting Tribal Administrator Jennie Lillard - Kialegee Tribal Town - Wetumka, OK - regular mail

Details: If the Applicant receives no response from the Kialegee Tribal Town within 30 days after notification through TCNS, the Kialegee Tribal Town has no interest in participating in pre-construction review for the site. The Applicant, however, must immediately notify the Kialegee Tribal Town in the event archaeological properties or human remains are discovered during construction.

6. THPO Earl J Barbry Jr - Tunica-Biloxi Indians of Louisiana - Marksville, LA - regular mail

The information you provided was also forwarded to the additional Tribes and NHOs listed below. These Tribes and NHOs have NOT set their geographic preferences on TCNS, and therefore they are currently receiving tower notifications for the entire United States. For these Tribes and NHOs, you are required to use reasonable and good faith efforts to determine if the Tribe or NHO may attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties that may be affected by its proposed undertaking. Such efforts may include, but are not limited to, seeking information from the relevant SHPO or THPO, Indian Tribes, state agencies, the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, or, where applicable, any federal agency with land holdings within the state (NPA, Section IV.B). If after such reasonable and good faith efforts, you determine that a Tribe or NHO may attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties in the area and the Tribe or NHO does not respond to TCNS notification within a reasonable time, you should make a reasonable effort to follow up, and must seek guidance from the Commission in the event of continued non-response or in the event of a procedural or substantive disagreement. If you determine that the Tribe or NHO is unlikely to attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties within the area, you do not need to take further action unless the Tribe or NHO indicates an interest in the proposed construction or other evidence of potential interest comes to your attention.

None

The information you provided was also forwarded to the following SHPOs in the State in which you propose to construct and neighboring States. The information was provided to these SHPOs as a courtesy for their information and planning. You need make no effort at this time to follow up with any SHPO that does not respond to this notification. Prior to construction, you must provide the SHPO of the State in which you propose to construct (or the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, if the project will be located on certain Tribal lands), with a Submission Packet pursuant to Section VII.A of the NPA.

7. SHPO Lee Warner - Alabama Historical Commission - Montgomery, AL - electronic mail
8. Deputy SHPO Elizabeth Ann Brown - Alabama Historical Commission - Montgomery, AL - electronic mail
9. SHPO Cathie Matthews - Department of Arkansas Heritage - Little Rock, AR - electronic mail
10. Deputy SHPO Ken Grunewald - Department of Arkansas Heritage - Little Rock, AR - electronic mail
11. SHPO Elbert Hilliard - Mississippi Dept of Archives & History - Jackson, MS - regular mail
12. Deputy SHPO Kenneth H P'Pool - Division of Historic Preservation - Jackson, MS - electronic mail

If you are proposing to construct a facility in the State of Alaska, you should contact Commission staff for guidance regarding your obligations in the event that Tribes do not respond to this notification within a reasonable time.

Please be advised that the FCC cannot guarantee that the contact(s) listed above opened and reviewed an electronic or regular mail notification. The following information relating to the proposed tower was forwarded to the person(s) listed above:

Notification Received: 10/02/2009
Notification ID: 56607
Tower Owner Individual or Entity Name: Towers of Mississippi/State of Mississippi
Consultant Name: Henry A Fisher
Street Address: 11578 U.S. Highway 411
City: Odenville
State: ALABAMA
Zip Code: 35120
Phone: 205-629-3868
Email: towerinfo@envciv.com

Structure Type: GTOWER - Guyed Tower
Latitude: 33 deg 33 min 14.1 sec N
Longitude: 88 deg 22 min 22.9 sec W
Location Description: off of Military Road
City: Columbus
State: MISSISSIPPI
County: LOWNDES
Ground Elevation: 56.1 meters
Support Structure: 155.4 meters above ground level
Overall Structure: 155.4 meters above ground level

Overall Height AMSL: 211.5 meters above mean sea level

If you have any questions or comments regarding this notice, please contact the FCC using the electronic mail form located on the FCC's website at:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/outreach/notification/contact-fcc.html>.

You may also call the FCC Support Center at (877) 480-3201 (TTY 717-338-2824). Hours are from 8 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays). To provide quality service and ensure security, all telephone calls are recorded.

Thank you,
Federal Communications Commission

Appendix G

General Information

1) (Select only one) (NE) NE - New		UA - Update of Application	WD - Withdrawal of Application
2) If this application is for an Update or Withdrawal, enter the file number of the pending application currently on file.			File Number:

Applicant Information

3) FCC Registration Number (FRN):
4) Name: Towers of Mississippi/State of Mississippi

Contact Name

5) First Name: Taylor	6) MI:	7) Last Name: Robinson	8) Suffix:
9) Title:			

Contact Information

10) P.O. Box:	And /Or	11) Street Address: 31560 Blakeley Way	
12) City: Spanish Fort		13) State: AL	14) Zip Code: 36527
15) Telephone Number: (205) 266-4466		16) Fax Number: ()	
17) E-mail Address: trobinson@vulcancompany.com			

Consultant Information

18) FCC Registration Number (FRN): 0019057413
19) Name: MRS Consultants, LLC.

Principal Investigator

20) First Name: Beth	21) MI: A	22) Last Name: Ryba	23) Suffix:
24) Title: Cultural Resource Specialist			

Principal Investigator Contact Information

25) P.O. Box: 3146	And /Or	26) Street Address:	
27) City: Tuscaloosa		28) State: AL	29) Zip Code: 35403
30) Telephone Number: (205) 759-1621		31) Fax Number: (205) 759-1621	
32) E-mail Address: earyba@earthlink.net			

Professional Qualification

33) Does the Principal Investigator satisfy the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards?	(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) <u>Yes</u> (<input type="checkbox"/>) <u>No</u>
34) Areas of Professional Qualification: (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Archaeologist (<input type="checkbox"/>) Architectural Historian (<input type="checkbox"/>) Historian (<input type="checkbox"/>) Architect (<input type="checkbox"/>) Other (Specify) _____	

Additional Staff

35) Are there other staff involved who meet the Professional Qualification Standards of the Secretary of the Interior?	(<input type="checkbox"/>) <u>Yes</u> (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) <u>No</u>
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If "Yes", complete the following:

36) First Name:	37) MI:	38) Last Name:	39) Suffix:
40) Title:			
41) Areas of Professional Qualification: (<input type="checkbox"/>) Archaeologist (<input type="checkbox"/>) Architectural Historian (<input type="checkbox"/>) Historian (<input type="checkbox"/>) Architect (<input type="checkbox"/>) Other (Specify) _____			

**This page may be copied to include additional staff.
Consultant Information Attachments required – See instructions for details.**

Site Information

Tower Construction Notification System

1) TCNS Notification Number: 56607

Site Information

2) Site Name: Columbus
3) Site Address: 5144 Military Road (nearest street address)
4) City: Columbus 5) State: MS 6) Zip Code: 39701
7) County/Borough/Parish: Lowndes
8) Nearest Crossroads: Military Road & Wolf Road
9) NAD 83 Latitude (DD-MM-SS.S): 33-33-14.1 (X) N or () S
10) NAD 83 Longitude (DD-MM-SS.S): 88-22-22.9 () E or (X) W

Tower Information

11) Tower height above ground level (include top-mounted attachments such as lightning rods): 515 (X) Feet () Meters
12) Tower Type (Select One):
(X) Guyed lattice tower
() Self-supporting lattice
() Monopole
() Other (Describe):

Project Status

13) Current Project Status (Select One):
(X) Construction has not yet commenced
() Construction has commenced, but is not completed Construction commenced on: ___/___/___
() Construction has been completed Construction commenced on: ___/___/___
Construction completed on: ___/___/___

Site Information Attachments required - See instructions for details.

Determination of Effect

14) Direct Effects (Select One):

- No Historic Properties in Area of Potential Effects (APE)
- No Effect on Historic Properties in APE
- No Adverse Effect on Historic Properties in APE
- Adverse Effect on one or more Historic Properties in APE

15) Visual Effects (Select One):

- No Historic Properties in Area of Potential Effects (APE)
- No Effect on Historic Properties in APE
- No Adverse Effect on Historic Properties in APE
- Adverse Effect on one or more Historic Properties in APE

Determination of Effect Attachments required – See instructions for details.

Tribal/NHO Involvement

1) Have Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs) been identified that may attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties which may be affected by the undertaking within the APEs for direct and visual effects?	(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Yes (<input type="checkbox"/>) No
2a) Tribes/NHOs contacted through TCNS Notification Number: <u>56607</u>	Number of Tribes/NHOs: <u>6</u>
2b) Tribes/NHOs contacted through an alternate system: None	Number of Tribes/NHOs: <u>None</u>

Tribal/NHO Contacted Through TCNS

3) Tribe/NHO FRN:
4) Tribe/NHO Name: Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas

Contact Name

5) First Name: Bryant	6) MI: J	7) Last Name: Celestine	8) Suffix:
9) Title: Historic Preservation Officer			

Dates & Response

10) Date Contacted <u>10 / 2 / 09</u>	11) Date Replied <u>10 / 22 / 09</u>
(<input type="checkbox"/>) No Reply	
(<input type="checkbox"/>) Replied/No Interest	
(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Replied/Have Interest	
(<input type="checkbox"/>) Replied/Other _____	

This page may be copied to include additional Tribes/NHOs contacted.
Tribal/NHO Involvement Attachments may be required – See instructions for details.

Tribal/NHO Involvement

1) Have Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs) been identified that may attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties which may be affected by the undertaking within the APEs for direct and visual effects?	(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Yes (<input type="checkbox"/>) No
2a) Tribes/NHOs contacted through TCNS Notification Number: <u>56607</u> Number of Tribes/NHOs: <u>6</u>	
2b) Tribes/NHOs contacted through an alternate system: <u>None</u> Number of Tribes/NHOs: <u>None</u>	

Tribal/NHO Contacted Through TCNS

3) Tribe/NHO FRN:
4) Tribe/NHO Name: <p style="text-align: center;">Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma</p>

Contact Name

5) First Name: Terry	6) MI: D	7) Last Name: Cole	8) Suffix:
9) Title: Director of Cultural Resources and THPO			

Dates & Response

10) Date Contacted <u>10 / 2 / 09</u>	11) Date Replied <u> / / </u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Reply <input type="checkbox"/> Replied/No Interest <input type="checkbox"/> Replied/Have Interest <input type="checkbox"/> Replied/Other _____	

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Tribal/NHO Involvement

1) Have Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs) been identified that may attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties which may be affected by the undertaking within the APEs for direct and visual effects?	(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Yes (<input type="checkbox"/>) No
2a) Tribes/NHOs contacted through TCNS Notification Number: <u>56607</u> Number of Tribes/NHOs: <u>6</u>	
2b) Tribes/NHOs contacted through an alternate system: <u>None</u>	Number of Tribes/NHOs: <u>None</u>

Tribal/NHO Contacted Through TCNS

3) Tribe/NHO FRN:
4) Tribe/NHO Name: <p style="text-align: center;">Kialegee Tribal Town</p>

Contact Name

5) First Name: Jennie	6) Mi:	7) Last Name: Lillard	8) Suffix:
9) Title: MEKKO and Acting Tribal Administrator			

Dates & Response

10) Date Contacted <u>10 / 2 / 09</u>	11) Date Replied <u> / / </u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Reply <input type="checkbox"/> Replied/No Interest <input type="checkbox"/> Replied/Have Interest <input type="checkbox"/> Replied/Other _____	

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Tribal/NHO Involvement

1) Have Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs) been identified that may attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties which may be affected by the undertaking within the APEs for direct and visual effects?	(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) <u>Yes</u> (<input type="checkbox"/>) <u>No</u>
2a) Tribes/NHOs contacted through TCNS Notification Number: <u>56607</u>	Number of Tribes/NHOs: <u>6</u>
2b) Tribes/NHOs contacted through an alternate system: None	Number of Tribes/NHOs: <u>None</u>

Tribal/NHO Contacted Through TCNS

3) Tribe/NHO FRN:
4) Tribe/NHO Name: Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

Contact Name

5) First Name: Kenneth	6) MI: H	7) Last Name: Carleton	8) Suffix:
9) Title: THPO			

Dates & Response

10) Date Contacted <u>10 / 2 / 09</u>	11) Date Replied <u> / / </u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Reply <input type="checkbox"/> Replied/No Interest <input type="checkbox"/> Replied/Have Interest <input type="checkbox"/> Replied/Other _____	

**This page may be copied to include additional Tribes/NHOs contacted.
Tribal/NHO Involvement Attachments may be required – See instructions for details.**

Tribal/NHO Involvement

1) Have Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs) been identified that may attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties which may be affected by the undertaking within the APEs for direct and visual effects?	(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Yes (<input type="checkbox"/>) No
2a) Tribes/NHOs contacted through TCNS Notification Number: <u>56607</u>	Number of Tribes/NHOs: <u>6</u>
2b) Tribes/NHOs contacted through an alternate system: None	Number of Tribes/NHOs: <u>None</u>

Tribal/NHO Contacted Through TCNS

3) Tribe/NHO FRN:
4) Tribe/NHO Name: Seminole Tribe of Florida

Contact Name

5) First Name: Jennifer	6) MI: L	7) Last Name: Pietarila	8) Suffix:
9) Title: Archaeological Data Analyst			

Dates & Response

10) Date Contacted <u>10 / 2 / 09</u>	11) Date Replied _____ / _____ / _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Reply <input type="checkbox"/> Replied/No Interest <input type="checkbox"/> Replied/Have Interest <input type="checkbox"/> Replied/Other _____	

This page may be copied to include additional Tribes/NHOs contacted.
Tribal/NHO Involvement Attachments may be required – See instructions for details.

Tribal/NHO Involvement

1) Have Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs) been identified that may attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties which may be affected by the undertaking within the APEs for direct and visual effects?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2a) Tribes/NHOs contacted through TCNS Notification Number: <u>56607</u>	Number of Tribes/NHOs: <u>6</u>	
2b) Tribes/NHOs contacted through an alternate system: None	Number of Tribes/NHOs: <u>None</u>	

Tribe/NHO Contacted Through TCNS

3) Tribe/NHO FRN:
4) Tribe/NHO Name: Tunica-Biloxi Indians of Louisiana

Contact Name

5) First Name: Earl	6) MI: J	7) Last Name: Barbry	8) Suffix: Jr.
9) Title: THPO			

Dates & Response

10) Date Contacted <u>10 / 2 / 09</u>	11) Date Replied _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Reply <input type="checkbox"/> Replied/No Interest <input type="checkbox"/> Replied/Have Interest <input type="checkbox"/> Replied/Other _____	

**This page may be copied to include additional Tribes/NHOs contacted.
Tribal/NHO Involvement Attachments may be required – See instructions for details.**

Other Tribes/NHOs Contacted

Tribe/NHO Information

1) FCC Registration Number (FRN): None
2) Name: None

Contact Name

3) First Name:	4) MI:	5) Last Name:	6) Suffix:
7) Title:			

Contact Information

8) P.O. Box:	And /Or	9) Street Address:
10) City:	11) State:	12) Zip Code:
13) Telephone Number: ()	14) Fax Number: ()	
15) E-mail Address:		
16) Preferred means of communication:		
() E-mail		
() Letter		
() Both		

Dates & Response

17) Date Contacted ____ / ____ / ____	18) Date Replied ____ / ____ / ____
() No Reply	
() Replied/No Interest	
() Replied/Have Interest	
() Replied/Other _____	

This page may be copied to include additional Tribes/NHOs.

Historic Properties

Properties Identified

1) Have any historic properties been identified within the APEs for direct and visual effect?	() <u>Yes</u> (X) <u>No</u>
2) Has the identification process located archaeological materials that would be directly affected, or sites that are of cultural or religious significance to Tribes/NHOs?	() <u>Yes</u> (X) <u>No</u>
3) Are there more than 10 historic properties within the APEs for direct and visual effect? If "Yes", you are required to attach a Cultural Resources Report in lieu of adding the Historic Property below.	() <u>Yes</u> (X) <u>No</u>

Historic Property

4) Property Name:
5) SHPO Site Number:

Property Address

6) Street Address:		
7) City:	8) State:	9) Zip Code:
10) County/Borough/Parish:		

Status & Eligibility

11) Is this property listed on the National Register? Source: _____	() <u>Yes</u> () <u>No</u>
12) Is this property eligible for listing on the National Register? Source: _____	() <u>Yes</u> () <u>No</u>
13) Is this property a National Historic Landmark?	() <u>Yes</u> () <u>No</u>

14) Direct Effects (Select One): <input type="checkbox"/> No Effect on this Historic Property in APE <input type="checkbox"/> No Adverse Effect on this Historic Property in APE <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse Effect on this Historic Property in APE
15) Visual Effects (Select One): <input type="checkbox"/> No Effect on this Historic Property in APE <input type="checkbox"/> No Adverse Effect on this Historic Property in APE <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse Effect on this Historic Property in APE

**This page may be copied to include additional Historic Properties.
Historic Property Attachments required – See instructions for details.**

Local Government Involvement

Local Government Agency

1) FCC Registration Number (FRN):
2) Name: Lowndes County Board of Supervisors

Contact Name

3) First Name: Harry	4) MI:	5) Last Name: Sanders	6) Suffix:
7) Title:			

Contact Information

8) P.O. Box: 1364	And /Or	9) Street Address:	
10) City: Columbus		11) State: MS	12) Zip Code: 39703
13) Telephone Number: ()		14) Fax Number: ()	
15) E-mail Address:			
16) Preferred means of communication: () E-mail - (X) Letter () Both			

Dates & Response

17) Date Contacted 10 / 6 / 09	18) Date Replied ____ / ____ / ____
(X) No Reply	
() Replied/No Interest	
() Replied/Have Interest	
() Replied/Other _____	

Additional Information

19) Information on local government's role or interest (optional):
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This page may be copied to include additional local government agencies.
Local Government Attachments required – See instructions for details.

Other Consulting Parties

Other Consulting Parties Contacted

1) Has any other agency been contacted and invited to become a consulting party?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Consulting Party

2) FCC Registration Number (FRN):
3) Name: Columbus and Lowndes County Historical Society

Contact Name

4) First Name: Jack or Emilie	5) MI:	6) Last Name: White	7) Suffix:
8) Title:			

Contact Information

9) P.O. Box:	And /Or	10) Street Address: 922 7th Street North	
11) City: Columbus		12) State: MS	13) Zip Code: 39701
14) Telephone Number: ()		15) Fax Number: ()	
16) E-mail Address:			
17) Preferred means of communication: <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Both			

Dates & Response

18) Date Contacted 10 / 6 / 09	19) Date Replied ____ / ____ / ____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Reply	
<input type="checkbox"/> Replied/No Interest	
<input type="checkbox"/> Replied/Have Interest	
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Additional Information

20) Information on other consulting parties' role or interest (optional):

This page may be copied to include additional consulting parties.
Consulting Parties Attachments required – See instructions for details.

Designation of SHPO/THPO

1) Designate the Lead State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) based on the location of the tower.

SHPO/THPO

Name: H.T. Holmes, Mississippi Department of Archives and History

2) You may also designate up to three additional SHPOs/THPOs if the APEs include multiple states. If the APEs include other countries, enter the name of the National Historic Preservation Agency and any state and provincial Historic Preservation Agency.

SHPO/THPO Name: _____

SHPO/THPO Name: _____

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Designation of SHPO/THPO Attachments may be required – See instructions for details.

Certification

I certify that all representations on this FCC Form 620 Submission Packet and the accompanying attachments are true, correct, and complete.

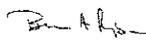
Party Authorized to Sign MRS Consultants, LLC. Principal Investigator

First Name: Beth

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Last Name: Ryba

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Signature: 

Date: 10 / 15 / 09

FAILURE TO SIGN THIS APPLICATION MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL OF THE APPLICATION AND FORFEITURE OF ANY FEES PAID.

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS FORM OR ANY ATTACHMENTS ARE PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001) AND/OR REVOCATION OF ANY STATION LICENSE OR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT (U.S. Code, Title 47, Section 312(a)(1)), AND/OR FORFEITURE (U.S. Code, Title 47, Section 503).

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See Accompanying Cultural Resource Report

Attachment 3. Tribal and NHO Involvement

Initial notification to Native American tribes/organizations was submitted through the FCC Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS). See the attached TCNS list for details.

Attachment 4. Local Government

Correspondence was submitted to the local government agency with jurisdiction over the project area for comment regarding potential impacts to historical or cultural sites by the proposed action. See the attached correspondence for more information.

Attachment 5. Public Involvement

A notice requesting comment regarding potential impacts to historical or archaeological properties by the proposed action was published. Please see the attached information for details regarding the public notice.

Attachment 6. Additional Consulting Parties (Where Applicable)

Correspondence was submitted to additional consulting parties for comment regarding potential impacts to historical or cultural sites by the proposed action. See the attached correspondence for more information. (Please note that no correspondence is included where additional consulting parties were not identified for a project.)

Henry Fisher

From: towernotifyinfo@fcc.gov
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2009 9:30 AM
To: towerinfo@envciv.com
Subject: Proposed Tower Structure Info - Email ID #2312986

Dear Henry A Fisher,

Thank you for submitting a notification regarding your proposed construction via the Tower Construction Notification System. Note that the system has assigned a unique Notification ID number for this proposed construction. You will need to reference this Notification ID number when you update your project's Status with us.

Below are the details you provided for the construction you have proposed:

Notification Received: 10/02/2009

Notification ID: 56607

Tower Owner Individual or Entity Name: Towers of Mississippi/State of Mississippi

Consultant Name: Henry A Fisher

Street Address: 11578 U.S. Highway 411

City: Odenville

State: ALABAMA

Zip Code: 35120

Phone: 205-629-3868

Email: towerinfo@envciv.com

Structure Type: GTOWER - Guyed Tower

Latitude: 33 deg 33 min 14.1 sec N

Longitude: 88 deg 22 min 22.9 sec W

Location Description: off of Military Road

City: Columbus

State: MISSISSIPPI

County: LOWNDES

Ground Elevation: 56.1 meters

Support Structure: 155.4 meters above ground level

Overall Structure: 155.4 meters above ground level

Overall Height AMSL: 211.5 meters above mean sea level

Henry Fisher

From: towernotifyinfo@fcc.gov
Sent: Friday, October 09, 2009 2:01 AM
To: towerinfo@envciv.com
Cc: kim.pristello@fcc.gov; diane.dupert@fcc.gov
Subject: NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION(S) WHICH WERE SENT PROPOSED TOWER CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION INFORMATION - Email ID #2314561

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for using the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS). The purpose of this electronic mail message is to inform you that the following authorized persons were sent the information you provided through TCNS, which relates to your proposed antenna structure. The information was forwarded by the FCC to authorized TCNS users by electronic mail and/or regular mail (letter).

Persons who have received the information that you provided include leaders or their designees of federally-recognized American Indian Tribes, including Alaska Native Villages (collectively "Tribes"), Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs), and State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs). For your convenience in identifying the referenced Tribes and in making further contacts, the City and State of the Seat of Government for each Tribe and NHO, as well as the designated contact person, is included in the listing below. We note that Tribes may have Section 106 cultural interests in ancestral homelands or other locations that are far removed from their current Seat of Government. Pursuant to the Commission's rules as set forth in the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Review of Effects on Historic Properties for Certain Undertakings Approved by the Federal Communications Commission (NPA), all Tribes and NHOs listed below must be afforded a reasonable opportunity to respond to this notification, consistent with the procedures set forth below, unless the proposed construction falls within an exclusion designated by the Tribe or NHO. (NPA, Section IV.F.4).

The information you provided was forwarded to the following Tribes and NHOs who have set their geographic preferences on TCNS. If the information you provided relates to a proposed antenna structure in the State of Alaska, the following list also includes Tribes located in the State of Alaska that have not specified their geographic preferences. For these Tribes and NHOs, if the Tribe or NHO does not respond within a reasonable time, you should make a reasonable effort at follow-up contact, unless the Tribe or NHO has agreed to different procedures (NPA, Section IV.F.5). In the event such a Tribe or NHO does not respond to a follow-up inquiry, or if a substantive or procedural disagreement arises between you and a Tribe or NHO, you must seek guidance from the Commission (NPA, Section IV.G). These procedures are further set forth in the FCC's Declaratory Ruling released on October 6, 2005 (FCC 05-176).

1. Historic Preservation Officer Bryant J Celestine - Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas - Livingston, TX - electronic mail

Details: The Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas requests a review fee of \$300.00 for our services including internal file searches, elder consultations, and if necessary, travel expenses in the event a site visit is necessary to complete our determination regarding your proposal. Invoices will be forwarded to the email account we receive your Form 620 (or archaeological report, maps, and pertinent site information) from upon submission to celestine.bryant@actribe.org. Fee compensation instructions will also be included.

In the event an outstanding balance occurs, a detailed invoice will be submitted in place of our determination wherein your Section 106 obligations with our Tribe are not complete until we have forwarded our written response indicating our determination.

2. THPO Kenneth H Carleton - Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians - Choctaw, MS - electronic mail

Details: Please send all information via e-mail (and only via e-mail - no paper copies please) to: choctawhp@gmail.com (9 meg attachment limit)

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians wishes to see full information packets for all towers within the designated areas for consultation.

Form 620, if it includes the a full text of the cultural resource survey with maps, is adequate for our needs. If your 620 does not include the text of the cultural resource survey, then attach it seperately.

Please include the tower identification (TCNS#, name, and any other information that may help us identify this site) and the county and state where the facility is proposed in the subject line.

If the applicant/tower builder receives no response from the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians within 30 days AFTER YOU HAVE E-MAILED THE AFOREMENTIONED INFORMATION TO US (begin counting the 30 day period AFTER the e-mail with all of the information has been sent), then the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians has no interest in participating in pre-construction review for the proposed site. The Applicant/tower builder, however, must immediately notify the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians in the event archaeological properties or human remains are discovered during construction, consistent with Section IX of the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement and applicable law.

3. Archaeological Data Analyst Jennifer L Pietarila - Seminole Tribe of Florida - Clewiston, FL - electronic mail

Details: The Seminole Tribe of Florida Tribal Historic Preservation Office requests that all correspondence be conducted via email and email attachments. We also would like to request a Form 620 or 621 be provided for every cell tower submitted to us for review. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at jenniferpietarila@semtribe.com or 863-983-6549 Ext. 12217. Thank you.

4. Director of Cultural Resources & THPO Terry D Cole - Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma - Durant, OK - electronic mail and regular mail

Details: The Applicant may conclude that the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has no interest in a site if there is existing disturbance wherein the depth of the previous disturbance exceeds the proposed construction depth (excluding footing and other anchoring mechanisms) by at least 2 feet (Applying VI - D(2)(c)(i) of the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement concerning Field Surveys; 'In the Matter of Nationwide Programmatic Agreement Regarding the Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Review Process,' Report and Order, 20 FCC Rcd. 1073, WT Docket No. 03-128, October 5, 2004).

Furthermore, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma does not have an interest in a Tower that will be constructed on an existing structure, developed land, or within city limits. However, any of the above mentioned criteria should be communicated to us if not evident in the initial Notification Details. For all other towers, we request a signed field survey report that

meets the Federal guidelines set forth by the Department of the Interior and a site location map along with pictures for each project.

Additionally, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has informed FCC Staff that if the Applicant does not receive a response from the Tribe within 30 days of a TCNS notification, then the Applicant SHOULD MAKE A GOOD FAITH EFFORT WITH A FOLLOW-UP PHONE CALL to make sure that the tribe is aware of the proposed tower project. However, should construction expose buried archaeological or building materials such as chipped stone, tools, pottery, bone, historical crockery, glass or metal items, this office should be contacted immediately @ 1-800-522-6170 ext. 2137. [n.b. Please reference the TCNS number in all communications that follow the initial notification.]

5. MEKKO and Acting Tribal Administrator Jennie Lillard - Kialegee Tribal Town - Wetumka, OK - regular mail

Details: If the Applicant receives no response from the Kialegee Tribal Town within 30 days after notification through TCNS, the Kialegee Tribal Town has no interest in participating in pre-construction review for the site. The Applicant, however, must immediately notify the Kialegee Tribal Town in the event archaeological properties or human remains are discovered during construction.

6. THPO Earl J Barbry Jr - Tunica-Biloxi Indians of Louisiana - Marksville, LA - regular mail

The information you provided was also forwarded to the additional Tribes and NHOs listed below. These Tribes and NHOs have NOT set their geographic preferences on TCNS, and therefore they are currently receiving tower notifications for the entire United States. For these Tribes and NHOs, you are required to use reasonable and good faith efforts to determine if the Tribe or NHO may attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties that may be affected by its proposed undertaking. Such efforts may include, but are not limited to, seeking information from the relevant SHPO or THPO, Indian Tribes, state agencies, the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, or, where applicable, any federal agency with land holdings within the state (NPA, Section IV.B). If after such reasonable and good faith efforts, you determine that a Tribe or NHO may attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties in the area and the Tribe or NHO does not respond to TCNS notification within a reasonable time, you should make a reasonable effort to follow up, and must seek guidance from the Commission in the event of continued non-response or in the event of a procedural or substantive disagreement. If you determine that the Tribe or NHO is unlikely to attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties within the area, you do not need to take further action unless the Tribe or NHO indicates an interest in the proposed construction or other evidence of potential interest comes to your attention.

None

The information you provided was also forwarded to the following SHPOs in the State in which you propose to construct and neighboring States. The information was provided to these SHPOs as a courtesy for their information and planning. You need make no effort at this time to follow up with any SHPO that does not respond to this notification. Prior to construction, you must provide the SHPO of the State in which you propose to construct (or the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, if the project will be located on certain Tribal lands), with a Submission Packet pursuant to Section VII.A of the NPA.

7. SHPO Lee Warner - Alabama Historical Commission - Montgomery, AL - electronic mail
8. Deputy SHPO Elizabeth Ann Brown - Alabama Historical Commission - Montgomery, AL - electronic mail
9. SHPO Cathie Matthews - Department of Arkansas Heritage - Little Rock, AR - electronic mail
10. Deputy SHPO Ken Grunewald - Department of Arkansas Heritage - Little Rock, AR - electronic mail
11. SHPO Elbert Hilliard - Mississippi Dept of Archives & History - Jackson, MS - regular mail
12. Deputy SHPO Kenneth H P'Pool - Division of Historic Preservation - Jackson, MS - electronic mail

If you are proposing to construct a facility in the State of Alaska, you should contact Commission staff for guidance regarding your obligations in the event that Tribes do not respond to this notification within a reasonable time.

Please be advised that the FCC cannot guarantee that the contact(s) listed above opened and reviewed an electronic or regular mail notification. The following information relating to the proposed tower was forwarded to the person(s) listed above:

Notification Received: 10/02/2009
Notification ID: 56607
Tower Owner Individual or Entity Name: Towers of Mississippi/State of Mississippi
Consultant Name: Henry A Fisher
Street Address: 11578 U.S. Highway 411
City: Odenville
State: ALABAMA
Zip Code: 35120
Phone: 205-629-3868
Email: towerinfo@envciv.com

Structure Type: GTOWER - Guyed Tower
Latitude: 33 deg 33 min 14.1 sec N
Longitude: 88 deg 22 min 22.9 sec W
Location Description: off of Military Road
City: Columbus
State: MISSISSIPPI
County: LOWNDES
Ground Elevation: 56.1 meters
Support Structure: 155.4 meters above ground level
Overall Structure: 155.4 meters above ground level

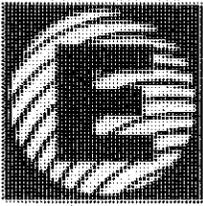
Overall Height AMSL: 211.5 meters above mean sea level

If you have any questions or comments regarding this notice, please contact the FCC using the electronic mail form located on the FCC's website at:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/outreach/notification/contact-fcc.html>.

You may also call the FCC Support Center at (877) 480-3201 (TTY 717-338-2824). Hours are from 8 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays). To provide quality service and ensure security, all telephone calls are recorded.

Thank you,
Federal Communications Commission



ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS, INC.

11578 US Highway 411, Odenville, Alabama 35120

Environmental and Geological Consultants

October 6, 2009

Mr. Harry Sanders
Lowndes County Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 1364
Columbus, Mississippi 39703

Subject:

Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Columbus Communications Tower
Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi
Environmental Engineers, Inc. Project No.: JSE01P0920

Dear Mr. Sanders:

Pursuant to the requirements of the March 2005 Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Review of Effects on Historic Properties for Certain Undertakings Approved by the Federal Communications Commission (NPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) we are requesting comment on behalf of Towers of Mississippi, the State of Mississippi, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding impact to historical or cultural sites listed on, or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) by construction of a wireless communications tower in Lowndes County, Mississippi.

The site is depicted on the United States Geological Survey 7.5-minute Topographic Quadrangle "Steens, Mississippi - Alabama," dated 1987. The site is located in the southwest ¼ of the southeast ¼ of Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 18 West, Lowndes County, Mississippi, at latitude 33° 33' 14.119" north and longitude 88° 22' 22.906" west. The site consists of a proposed 100-foot by 100-foot lease area with associated guy anchor easements, and a proposed access road located off of Military Road, Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi, 39701. Proposed activities consist of construction of a 510-foot guyed communications tower, enclosing the compound in a fence, placement of support equipment within the compound, grading an access road, and covering the compound and access road with gravel. I have enclosed the portion of the USGS topographic map depicting the site location for your review.

Environmental Engineers, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to provide this information. Please reference the Environmental Engineers, Inc. project number (JSE01P0920) in correspondence regarding this site. Please provide comment within thirty days of the date of this letter. Thank you for your time and assistance and we look forward to your response. Please call me at (205) 629-3868 or email me at hfisher@envciv.com if you have any questions or comments. You can also send a response to us via facsimile at (877) 847-3060.

Sincerely,

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS, INC.



Henry A. Fisher, P.E.
Principal Engineer

Attachments: Site Location Map

Phone: (205) 629-3868 • Fax: (877) 847-3060

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Sounder County Bd of Supervisors
P.O. Box 1364
Columbus, MS 39703

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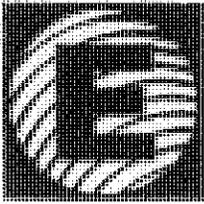
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October 6, 2009

Jack or Emilie White
Columbus and Lowndes County Historical Society
922 7th Street North
Columbus, Mississippi 39701

Subject:

Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Columbus Communications Tower
Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi
Environmental Engineers, Inc. Project No.: JSE01P0920

Dear Mr. or Ms. White:

Pursuant to the requirements of the March 2005 Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Review of Effects on Historic Properties for Certain Undertakings Approved by the Federal Communications Commission (NPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) we are requesting comment on behalf of Towers of Mississippi, the State of Mississippi, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding impact to historical or cultural sites listed on, or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) by construction of a wireless communications tower in Lowndes County, Mississippi.

The site is depicted on the United States Geological Survey 7.5-minute Topographic Quadrangle "Steens, Mississippi - Alabama," dated 1987. The site is located in the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 18 West, Lowndes County, Mississippi, at latitude $33^{\circ} 33' 14.119''$ north and longitude $88^{\circ} 22' 22.906''$ west. The site consists of a proposed 100-foot by 100-foot lease area with associated guy anchor easements, and a proposed access road located off of Military Road, Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi, 39701. Proposed activities consist of construction of a 510-foot guyed communications tower, enclosing the compound in a fence, placement of support equipment within the compound, grading an access road, and covering the compound and access road with gravel. I have enclosed the portion of the USGS topographic map depicting the site location for your review.

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Sincerely,

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS, INC.


Henry A. Fisher, P.E.
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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,

County of Lowndes

PERSONALLY CAME before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for Lowndes County, Mississippi, the CLERK of the Commercial Dispatch, a newspaper published in the City of Columbus, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the COMMERCIAL DISPATCH is a newspaper as defined and prescribed in Section 13-3-31 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended effective July 1, 1976, and that the publication of a notice, of which the annexed is a copy, in the matter of

has been made in said paper 1 times consecutively, to-wit:

- On the 8th day of October, 2009
- On the _____ day of _____, 20____

Linda Massey
Clerk

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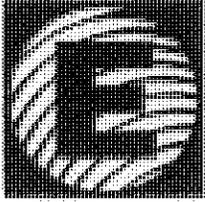


Towers of Mississippi, the State of Mississippi, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) are requesting comment regarding potential impacts to historical or archaeological properties listed on, or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), by construction of a 510 foot guyed communications tower off of Military Road, Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi, 39701, at latitude 33° 33' 14.1" north and longitude 88° 22' 22.9" west.

All comments should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice referencing project JSE01P0920 and sent to the attention of Mr. Henry Fisher, Environmental Engineers, Inc., 11576 U.S. Highway 411, Odenville, AL 35120. Mr. Fisher may also be reached via email at HYPERLINK "mailto:townwarinfo@envciv.com" townwarinfo@envciv.com, via telephone at (205) 629-3868, or via facsimile at (877) 847-3060.

10/08/2009

Appendix H



ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS, INC.

11578 US Highway 411, Odenville, Alabama 35120

Environmental and Geological Consultants

November 17, 2009

Mr. Jim Woodrick
Mississippi Department of Archives and History
Charlotte Capers Archives and History Building
100 South State St.
Jackson, MS 39201

Subject:

Section 106 Review

**Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Columbus Communications Tower
Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi**

Environmental Engineers, Inc. Project No.: JSE01P0920

Dear Mr. Woodrick:

Environmental Engineers, Inc. is requesting a Section 106 review, on behalf of Towers of Mississippi, the State of Mississippi, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the above referenced site. Enclosed you will find a copy of the completed FCC Form 620 for the project site, including all attachments.

Environmental Engineers, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to provide this information. Please reference the Environmental Engineers, Inc. project number (JSE01P0920) in correspondence regarding this site. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (205) 629-3868.

Sincerely,

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS, INC.

Henry A. Fisher, P.E.
Principal Engineer

Enc. FCC Form 620

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ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS, INC
11578 U.S. Highway 411



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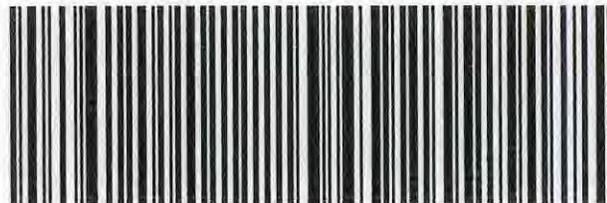
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Henry A. Fisher, P.E.
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RE: Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Columbus Communications Tower, Columbus (EE Project No. JSE01P0920), MDAH Project Log #11-169-09, Lowndes County

Dear Henry:

We have reviewed your November 17, 2009, cultural resources assessment request and October 12, 2009, cultural resources survey report by Beth Ryba, Principal Investigator, received on November 19, 2009, for the above referenced undertaking, pursuant to our responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 800. After reviewing the information provided, we concur that no cultural resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be directed or visually affected. Therefore, we have no reservations with the undertaking.

There remains the possibility that unrecorded cultural resources may be encountered during the project. Should this occur, we would appreciate your contacting this office immediately in order that we may offer appropriate comments under 36 CFR 800.13.

Please provide a copy of this letter to Ms. Ryba. If you need further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim".

Jim Woodrick
Review and Compliance Officer

FOR: H.T. Holmes
State Historic Preservation Officer

Appendix I

Henry Fisher

From: towernotifyinfo@fcc.gov
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2009 9:36 AM
To: towerinfo@envciv.com
Cc: tcns.fccarchive@fcc.gov; Celestine.bryant@actribe.org
Subject: Reply to Proposed Tower Structure (Notification ID: 56607) - Email ID #2328919

Dear Henry A Fisher,

Thank you for using the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS). The purpose of this email is to inform you that an authorized user of the TCNS has replied to a proposed tower construction notification that you had submitted through the TCNS.

The following message has been sent to you from Historic Preservation Officer Bryant J Celestine of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas in reference to Notification ID #56607:

If your agency has not already done so, please forward a copy of your Form 620/621 to celestine.bryant@actribe.org with regards to our prenotification statement. Thank you!

For your convenience, the information you submitted for this notification is detailed below.

Notification Received: 10/02/2009
Notification ID: 56607
Tower Owner Individual or Entity Name: Towers of Mississippi/State of Mississippi
Consultant Name: Henry A Fisher
Street Address: 11578 U.S. Highway 411
City: Odenville
State: ALABAMA
Zip Code: 35120
Phone: 205-629-3868
Email: towerinfo@envciv.com

Structure Type: GTOWER - Guyed Tower
Latitude: 33 deg 33 min 14.1 sec N
Longitude: 88 deg 22 min 22.9 sec W
Location Description: off of Military Road
City: Columbus
State: MISSISSIPPI
County: LOWNDES
Ground Elevation: 56.1 meters
Support Structure: 155.4 meters above ground level
Overall Structure: 155.4 meters above ground level
Overall Height AMSL: 211.5 meters above mean sea level

Henry Fisher

From: Henry Fisher [hfisher@envciv.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2009 9:43 PM
To: 'Bryant J. Celestine'
Subject: Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Columbus Communications Tower TCNS 56607
Attachments: FCC Form 620 MSWIN 20507 Tower TCNS 56607.pdf

Mr. Bryant Celestine
Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas

Subject:
TCNS 56607
Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Columbus Communications Tower
Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi
Environmental Engineers, Inc. Project No.: JSE01P0920

Dear Mr. Celestine:

I am requesting comment on behalf of Towers of Mississippi, the State of Mississippi, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding potential impacts to Native American religious or cultural sites by construction of a wireless communications tower in Lowndes County, Mississippi. This project was also submitted through the FCC TCNS on October 2, 2009 (TCNS ID # 56607).

The site is depicted on the United States Geological Survey 7.5-minute Topographic Quadrangle "Steens, Mississippi - Alabama," dated 1987. The site is located in the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 18 West, Lowndes County, Mississippi, at latitude 33° 33' 14.119" north and longitude 88° 22' 22.906" west. The site consists of a proposed 100-foot by 100-foot lease area with associated guy anchor easements, and a proposed access road located off of Military Road, Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi, 39701. Proposed activities consist of construction of a 510-foot guyed communications tower, enclosing the compound in a fence, placement of support equipment within the compound, grading an access road, and covering the compound and access road with gravel. I have attached the FCC Form 620 prepared for this project by MRS Consultants, LLC and Environmental Engineers, Inc.

Environmental Engineers, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to provide this information. Please reference the Environmental Engineers, Inc. project number (JSE01P0920) in correspondence regarding this site. Thank you for your time and assistance and I look forward to your response. Please call us at (205) 629-3868 or email me at hfisher@envciv.com if you have any questions or comments. You can also send a response to us via facsimile at (877) 847-3060.

Sincerely,

Henry A. Fisher
Environmental Engineers, Inc.
11578 US Highway 411
Odenville, Alabama 35120
Tel (205) 629-3868
Fax (877) 847-3060

Henry Fisher

From: Bryant J. Celestine [celestine.bryant@actribe.org]
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2009 11:31 AM
To: 'Henry Fisher'
Subject: RE: Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Columbus Communications Tower TCNS 56607

Dear Mr. Fisher:

On behalf of Chief Oscola Clayton Sylestine and the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe, our appreciation is expressed on your efforts to consult us regarding TCNS #56607 in Lowndes County.

Our Tribe maintains ancestral associations within the state of Mississippi despite the absence of written documentation to completely identify Tribal activities, villages, trails, or burial sites. However, it is our objective to ensure significances of Native American ancestry, especially of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe, are administered with the utmost regard.

Upon review of your November 17, 2009 submission, no known impacts to religious, cultural, or historical assets of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas should occur in conjunction with this proposal. However, in the event of inadvertent discovery of human remains and/or archaeological artifacts, activity in proximity to the location must cease and appropriate authorities, including this office, notified without delay.

Should you require further assistance regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Bryant J. Celestine
Historic Preservation Officer
Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
571 State Park Rd 56
Livingston, Texas 77351
936 - 563 - 1181
celestine.bryant@actribe.org

Henry Fisher

From: Henry Fisher [hfisher@envciv.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2009 9:46 PM
To: 'Caren Johnson'
Subject: Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Columbus Communications Tower TCNS 56607
Attachments: FCC Form 620 MSWIN 20507 Tower TCNS 56607.pdf

Mr. Terry Cole
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Subject:
TCNS 56607
Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Columbus Communications Tower
Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi
Environmental Engineers, Inc. Project No.: JSE01P0920

Dear Mr. Cole:

I am requesting comment on behalf of Towers of Mississippi, the State of Mississippi, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding potential impacts to Native American religious or cultural sites by construction of a wireless communications tower in Lowndes County, Mississippi. This project was also submitted through the FCC TCNS on October 2, 2009 (TCNS ID # 56607).

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Sincerely,

Henry A. Fisher
Environmental Engineers, Inc.
11578 US Highway 411
Odenville, Alabama 35120
Tel (205) 629-3868
Fax (877) 847-3060

Henry Fisher

From: Caren Johnson [cjohnson@choctawnation.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2010 8:56 AM
To: Henry Fisher
Subject: RE: Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Columbus Communications Tower TCNS 56607

January 7, 2010

Mr. Henry Fisher:

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has reviewed cell tower(s) FCC # **56607** and based on the information provided to the best of our knowledge it will have no adverse effect on any historic properties in the project's area of potential effect. However, should construction expose buried archaeological or building materials such as chipped stone, tools, pottery, bone, historic crockery, glass or metal items, or should it uncover evidence of buried historic building materials such as rock foundations, brick, or hand poured concrete, this office should be contacted immediately @ 1-800-522-6170 ext. 2137.

Sincerely,

Caren A. Johnson,
Administrative Assistant
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
P. O. Box 1210, 16th & Locust
Durant, OK 74702-1210
1-580-924-8280 Ext. 2133
Fax 1-580-920-3181

From: Henry Fisher [mailto:hfisher@envciv.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2009 9:46 PM
To: Caren Johnson
Subject: Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Columbus Communications Tower TCNS 56607

Mr. Terry Cole
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Subject:
TCNS 56607
Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Columbus Communications Tower
Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi
Environmental Engineers, Inc. Project No.: JSE01P0920

Dear Mr. Cole:

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Sincerely,

Henry A. Fisher
Environmental Engineers, Inc.
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Odenville, Alabama 35120
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Henry Fisher

From: Henry Fisher [hfisher@envciv.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2009 9:47 PM
To: 'Carleton, Ken'; 'choctawhp@gmail.com'
Subject: Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Columbus Communications Tower TCNS 56607
Attachments: FCC Form 620 MSWIN 20507 Tower TCNS 56607.pdf

Mr. Ken Carleton
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

Subject:
TCNS 56607
Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Columbus Communications Tower
Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi
Environmental Engineers, Inc. Project No.: JSE01P0920

Dear Mr. Carleton

I am requesting comment on behalf of Towers of Mississippi, the State of Mississippi, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding potential impacts to Native American religious or cultural sites by construction of a wireless communications tower in Lowndes County, Mississippi. This project was also submitted through the FCC TCNS on October 2, 2009 (TCNS ID # 56607).

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Henry Fisher

From: Henry Fisher [hfisher@envciv.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2009 9:47 PM
To: 'Jennifer Pietarila'
Subject: Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Columbus Communications Tower TCNS 56607
Attachments: FCC Form 620 MSWIN 20507 Tower TCNS 56607.pdf

Ms. Jennifer Pietarila
Seminole Tribe of Florida

Subject:
TCNS 56607
Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Columbus Communications Tower
Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi
Environmental Engineers, Inc. Project No.: JSE01P0920

Dear Ms. Pietarila:

I am requesting comment on behalf of Towers of Mississippi, the State of Mississippi, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding potential impacts to Native American religious or cultural sites by construction of a wireless communications tower in Lowndes County, Mississippi. This project was also submitted through the FCC TCNS on October 2, 2009 (TCNS ID # 56607).

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Sincerely,

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Odenville, Alabama 35120
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Henry Fisher

From: towernotifyinfo@fcc.gov
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2009 9:30 AM
To: towerinfo@envciv.com
Cc: tcns.fccarchive@fcc.gov; jenniferpietarila@semtribe.com
Subject: Reply to Proposed Tower Structure (Notification ID: 56607) - Email ID #2355176

Dear Henry A Fisher,

Thank you for using the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS). The purpose of this email is to inform you that an authorized user of the TCNS has replied to a proposed tower construction notification that you had submitted through the TCNS.

The following message has been sent to you from Archaeological Data Analyst Jennifer L Pietarila of the Seminole Tribe of Florida in reference to Notification ID #56607:

To Whom It May Concern,

The Seminole Tribe of Florida Tribal Historic Preservation Office (STOF-THPO) has received your email correspondence concerning the aforementioned project. The STOF-THPO concurs with your findings of "no historic properties". However, the STOF-THPO would like to be informed should any archaeological and/or historic resources be discovered inadvertently during the construction process. We thank you for the opportunity to review the information that has been sent to date regarding this project.

We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,
W.S. Steele,
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

For your convenience, the information you submitted for this notification is detailed below.

Notification Received: 10/02/2009
Notification ID: 56607
Tower Owner Individual or Entity Name: Towers of Mississippi/State of Mississippi
Consultant Name: Henry A Henry
Street Address: 11578 U.S. Highway 411
City: Odenville
State: ALABAMA
Zip Code: 35120
Phone: 205-629-3868
Email: towerinfo@envciv.com

Structure Type: GTOWER - Guyed Tower
Latitude: 33 deg 33 min 14.1 sec N
Longitude: 88 deg 22 min 22.9 sec W
Location Description: off of Military Road
City: Columbus
State: MISSISSIPPI

County: LOWNDES

Ground Elevation: 56.1 meters

Support Structure: 155.4 meters above ground level

Overall Structure: 155.4 meters above ground level

Overall Height AMSL: 211.5 meters above mean sea level

Henry Fisher

From: Earl Barbry, Jr. [earljj@tunica.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2005 5:51 PM
To: Henry Fisher
Cc: Niki Jeter
Subject: Re: HELPI - I am stuck in FCC NPA!

Mr. Fisher,

Sorry about the delay. I would like to be notified of the cell tower requests, etc. by email. Also, should no comments be received from my department within the 30 day comment period, proceeding with the project can occur. I stand the same as the other Tribes regarding immediate work stoppage and contacting this office should inadvertent discovery occur.

Thank you for taking the time to contact me and getting my input into these matters. Let me know if this response is sufficient or if you need a letter on Tribal stationery mailed to you.

Should you need immediate assistance, and I am out of the office, speak to my Administrative Assistant, Ms. Amber (Niki) Jeter - dial the number below and hit 0 to speak to her.

Many thanks,

Earl J. Barbry, Jr., THPO
Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana
318-253-0213 ext. 6851

Henry Fisher

From: Henry Fisher [hfisher@envciv.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2009 9:37 PM
To: 'earlii@tunica.org'
Subject: Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Columbus Communications Tower TCNS 56607

Mr. Earl Barbry
Tunica-Biloxi Indians of Louisiana

Subject:
TCNS 56607
Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Columbus Communications Tower
Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi
Environmental Engineers, Inc. Project No.: JSE01P0920

Dear Mr. Barbry:

I am requesting comment on behalf of Towers of Mississippi, the State of Mississippi, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding potential impacts to Native American religious or cultural sites by construction of a wireless communications tower in Lowndes County, Mississippi. This project was also submitted through the FCC TCNS on October 2, 2009 (TCNS ID # 56607).

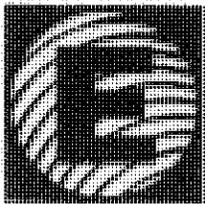
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Environmental Engineers, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to provide this information. Please reference the Environmental Engineers, Inc. project number (JSE01P0920) in correspondence regarding this site. Thank you for your time and assistance. Based on the electronic mail that you sent to our office on May 3, 2005 it is my understanding that we may assume that the Tunica-Biloxi Indians of Louisiana concurs with the proposed project if we have not received a comment from your office within 30 days of submittal of project information to your office via electronic mail. Please call us at (205) 629-3868 or email me at hfisher@envciv.com if you have any questions or comments. You can also send a response to us via facsimile at (877) 847-3060.

Sincerely,

Henry A. Fisher
Environmental Engineers, Inc.
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Appendix J



ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS, INC.

11578 US Highway 411, Odenville, Alabama 35120

Environmental and Geological Consultants

October 6, 2009

Mr. Harry Sanders
Lowndes County Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 1364
Columbus, Mississippi 39703

Subject:

**Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Columbus Communications Tower
Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi**

Environmental Engineers, Inc. Project No.: JSE01P0920

Dear Mr. Sanders:

Pursuant to the requirements of the March 2005 Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Review of Effects on Historic Properties for Certain Undertakings Approved by the Federal Communications Commission (NPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) we are requesting comment on behalf of Towers of Mississippi, the State of Mississippi, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding impact to historical or cultural sites listed on, or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) by construction of a wireless communications tower in Lowndes County, Mississippi.

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Environmental Engineers, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to provide this information. Please reference the Environmental Engineers, Inc. project number (JSE01P0920) in correspondence regarding this site. Please provide comment within thirty days of the date of this letter. Thank you for your time and assistance and we look forward to your response. Please call me at (205) 629-3868 or email me at hfisher@envciv.com if you have any questions or comments. You can also send a response to us via facsimile at (877) 847-3060.

Sincerely,

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS, INC.


Henry A. Fisher, P.E.
Principal Engineer

Attachments: Site Location Map

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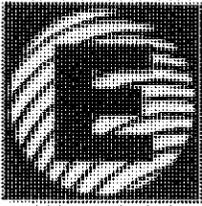
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October 6, 2009

Jack or Emilie White
Columbus and Lowndes County Historical Society
922 7th Street North
Columbus, Mississippi 39701

Subject:
Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Columbus Communications Tower
Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi
Environmental Engineers, Inc. Project No.: JSE01P0920

Dear Mr. or Ms. White:

Pursuant to the requirements of the March 2005 Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Review of Effects on Historic Properties for Certain Undertakings Approved by the Federal Communications Commission (NPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) we are requesting comment on behalf of Towers of Mississippi, the State of Mississippi, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding impact to historical or cultural sites listed on, or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) by construction of a wireless communications tower in Lowndes County, Mississippi.

The site is depicted on the United States Geological Survey 7.5-minute Topographic Quadrangle "Steens, Mississippi - Alabama," dated 1987. The site is located in the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 18 West, Lowndes County, Mississippi, at latitude $33^{\circ} 33' 14.119''$ north and longitude $88^{\circ} 22' 22.906''$ west. The site consists of a proposed 100-foot by 100-foot lease area with associated guy anchor easements, and a proposed access road located off of Military Road, Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi, 39701. Proposed activities consist of construction of a 510-foot guyed communications tower, enclosing the compound in a fence, placement of support equipment within the compound, grading an access road, and covering the compound and access road with gravel. I have enclosed the portion of the USGS topographic map depicting the site location for your review.

Environmental Engineers, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to provide this information. Please reference the Environmental Engineers, Inc. project number (JSE01P0920) in correspondence regarding this site. Please provide comment within thirty days of the date of this letter. Thank you for your time and assistance and we look forward to your response. Please call me at (205) 629-3868 or email me at hfisher@envciv.com if you have any questions or comments. You can also send a response to us via facsimile at (877) 847-3060.

Sincerely,

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS, INC.


Henry A. Fisher, P.E.
Principal Engineer

Attachments: Site Location Map

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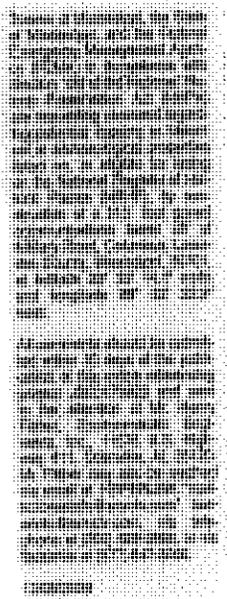
County of Lowndes

PERSONALLY CAME before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for Lowndes County, Mississippi, the CLERK of the Commercial Dispatch, a newspaper published in the City of Columbus, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the COMMERCIAL DISPATCH is a newspaper as defined and prescribed in Section 13-3-31 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended effective July 1, 1976, and that the publication of a notice, of which the annexed is a copy, in the matter of

has been made in said paper 1 times consecutively,
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- On the 8th day of October, 2009
- On the _____ day of _____, 20____

Linda Massey
Clerk
SWORN TO and subscribed before me, this 8th day of October, 2009
[Signature]
Notary Public



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Appendix K

Mindy Milam

From: Mindy Milam [mmilam@envciv.com]
Sent: Friday, March 05, 2010 6:00 PM
To: 'joseph.m.tanko@usace.army.mil'
Cc: 'Henry Fisher'
Subject: SAM2010-00126-JMT
Attachments: Approved Jurisdictional Determination JSE01P0920 addendum completed.pdf

Joe,

I am resending the Pre-Construction Addendum to the SAM2010-00126-JMT / JSE01P0920 / MSWIN 20507B Proposed Columbus Lower in Lowndes County, MS. The previous attachment may have been too large to open. I have reduced the file size. If you have any further questions regarding these two sites please call my cell 205-529-4573 or contact Henry Fisher at 205-629-3868. Thank you.

Mindy Milam
Staff Wildlife Biologist
Environmental Engineers, Inc.
205-629-3868



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Environmental, Remediation, and Geological Consultants

March 5, 2010

Mr. Joe Tanko
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Permitting Section
218 Summit Park, Suite 222
Birmingham, Alabama 35209

SUBJECT:

**Pre-Construction Notification - Addendum
Proposed MSWIN 20507B Columbus Telecommunications Tower
Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi**

Environmental Engineers, Inc. Project No.: JSE01P0920
Corps of Engineers Application No: SAM2010-00126-JMT

Dear Mr. Tanko:

Environmental Engineers, Inc. is submitting this addendum to a previous application entitled "Approved Jurisdictional Determination, Proposed MSWIN 20507B Columbus Telecommunications Tower, Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi" dated January 22, 2010. Environmental Engineers, Inc is submitting this application is on behalf of Towers of Mississippi, the State of Mississippi, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding construction of a wireless communications tower in Lowndes County, Mississippi. This project is being funded using a FEMA grant (2008-MS-MX-0001) and the State of Mississippi's expenditures at this site will include construction of a telecommunications facility, purchase and installation of 700 MHz RF equipment and microwave telecommunication backbone network, equipment shelter, network integration, acceptance testing, communication hardware optimization and system exercising and piloting of interoperability capabilities of the network.

Environmental Engineers, Inc. has been retained by Towers of Mississippi and the State of Mississippi to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project. Please reference the Environmental Engineers, Inc. project number (JSE01P0920) in correspondence regarding this site. Thank you for your time and assistance and we look forward to your response. Please contact us by telephone at (205) 629-3868, electronic mail at hfisher@envciv.com, or U.S. mail at the letterhead address if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS, INC.


Mindy Milam
Staff Wildlife Biologist

Enc. Pre-Construction Notification - Addendum

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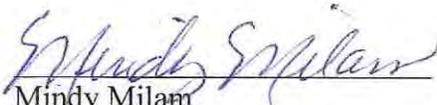
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Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi**

Environmental Engineers, Inc. Project No.: JSE01P0920
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Prepared for:
Towers of Mississippi
State of Mississippi
Spanish Fort, Alabama

March 5, 2010

Prepared by:
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE

Towers of Mississippi proposes to construct a 460-foot guyed communications tower and access road, enclosing the lease area in a fence, placement of support equipment within the lease area, and covering the lease area and access road with gravel.

Mr. Taylor Robinson of Towers of Mississippi, State of Mississippi, 31560 Blakely Way, Spanish Fort, Alabama 36532, can be reached via telephone at 205-266-4466 or via electronic mail at trobinson@vulcancompany.com. Engineering Drawings of the site prepared by Hardy Engineering, Inc., 209 Linden Street, Trussville, Alabama 35173, telephone 205-655-1427, were included in Appendix A of the original submission packet dated January 22, 2010.

This site is referred to as the Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Communications Tower and is located off of Highway 12 / Military Road near Columbus, Mississippi. The current property owner is listed by the Lowndes County Tax Assessor's Office as Harry S. Sanders, and the tax number for the parcel containing the site is 48W000002302.

1.2 SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The site is depicted on the United States Geological Survey 7.5-minute Topographic Quadrangle "Steens, Mississippi," dated 1987. The site is located in the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 18 West, Lowndes County, Mississippi, at latitude 33°33'14.119" north and longitude 88°22'22.906" west.

The site consists of a proposed 100-foot by 100-foot lease area with three associated guy anchor easements, and a proposed access road located off Military Road in Columbus, Mississippi. The site is a portion of pine plantation that slopes gently down toward the north. The 100-foot by 100-foot lease area and the southwestern guy anchor are wooded with slash pines (*Pinus elliottii*) ranging from three to twelve inches in diameter at breast height (dbh); the proposed northern and southeastern guy anchors are wooded with pine trees ranging from two to six inches dbh. Undergrowth throughout the site includes sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*), a few scattered eastern red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*), and some honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), crossvine (*Bignonia capreolata*), and privet (*Ligustrum sinense*).

The proposed access road will cross a drainage way that flows toward the north along the eastern right-of-way of Military Road. As part of the construction of the permanent access road an 18-inch by 20-foot pipe will be installed in the drainage way which is already culverted multiple times north and south of the proposed site.



2.0 ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) lists five species as endangered and three species as threatened in Lowndes County, Mississippi (Table 1). Seven of these species are aquatic mussels found in association with highly oxygenated streams with sandy to gravel substrates. Prices' potato bean (*Apios priceana*) is found in open rocky wooded slopes usually under mixed hardwood in well-drained soils.

Environmental Engineers, Inc. submitted information regarding the site to the USFWS for comment. The USFWS responded via letter dated February 3, 2010 stating "It is unlikely [Price's potato bean] would be found at the site as documented by photographs that you provided. Therefore, the Service anticipates no impacts to this listed species to occur as a result of the proposed project." A copy of the correspondence from the USFWS is included in Appendix A.

3.0 WETLAND DELINEATION AND AVOIDANCE

3.1 LEASE AREA AND GUY EASEMENTS

On October 29, 2009 a wetland delineation was conducted by Environmental Engineers, Inc. The results of the delineation indicated that the majority of the proposed project will not be located within an area determined to be within Corps of Engineers jurisdiction. The 100-foot by 100-foot lease area and the eastern and western guy anchors are located within areas determined not to be within Corps of Engineers jurisdiction.

Timber will be cleared from the guy anchor easements which measure 50-foot by 200-foot and extend across a portion of a pine plantation. However, the guy anchors will be enclosed in chain-link fences that measure approximately 6-foot by 15-foot (0.002 acres) extending to the point where guy lines are five feet above ground level.

The northern-half of the northern 6-foot by 15-foot guy anchor is located within an area determined to be within Corps of Engineers jurisdiction. This area measures 0.002 acres in size which falls within the 0.5 acre limit of a Nationwide Permit 12 for utility line activities.

3.2 PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD

The proposed access road extends 540 feet from Military Road toward the northeast to the proposed 100-foot by 100-foot lease area. The proposed access road originates at Military Road and crosses a drainage way that flows toward the north. The drainage way ranges in depth from approximately one inch to six inches and in width from approximately two feet to eight feet. Portions of the drainage way were subterranean and no surface water flow was visible. No fish or mollusks were observed in the drainage way. The drainage way is located in a wooded area that is thickly overgrown with privet (*Ligustrum sinense*) and honey suckle (*Lonicera japonica*) with a few willows (*Salix nigra*) growing



on the edges of the drainage way. A variety of household debris including wood, PVC pipe, and concrete was noted in the drainage way and along the portion of the access road crossing and near the drainage way. Several culverts leading into residential areas were noted north and south of the proposed project area.

As part of the construction of the permanent access road an 18-inch by 20-foot pipe will be installed in the drainage way which is already culverted multiple times north and south of the proposed site. For detailed information regarding the location of the pipe see page C1 of the site survey included in Appendix A of the original submission packet dated January 22, 2010.

4.0 ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

Wetland Rapid Assessment Procedure (WRAP) was used to assess existing wetland function. The northern portion of the northern guy easement was determined to be Corps of Engineers jurisdiction. The WRAP score for this area was determined to 33.06% which falls within the low quality range. Adverse environmental effects will include the loss of 0.001 acre of fill and 0.028 acres of secondary impact by tree removal with a low quality forested wetland system and the functions and values that it provides. The total wetland impact associated with the proposed site is 0.029 acres or 1,250 square feet. A copy of the WRAP score sheet is included in Appendix B.

5.0 MITIGATION

As mitigation measures, the above mentioned household debris will be removed from the area immediately surrounding the access road. Any additional mitigation credits will be purchased from an approved wetland mitigation bank. The site is located within the Luxapallila watershed # 03160105.

6.0 INFORMATION SOURCES

Research and evaluation of the environmental conditions at the site and surrounding properties included utilization of the following sources:

1. Aerial photograph available from Maptech.
2. Review of Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual dated 1987.



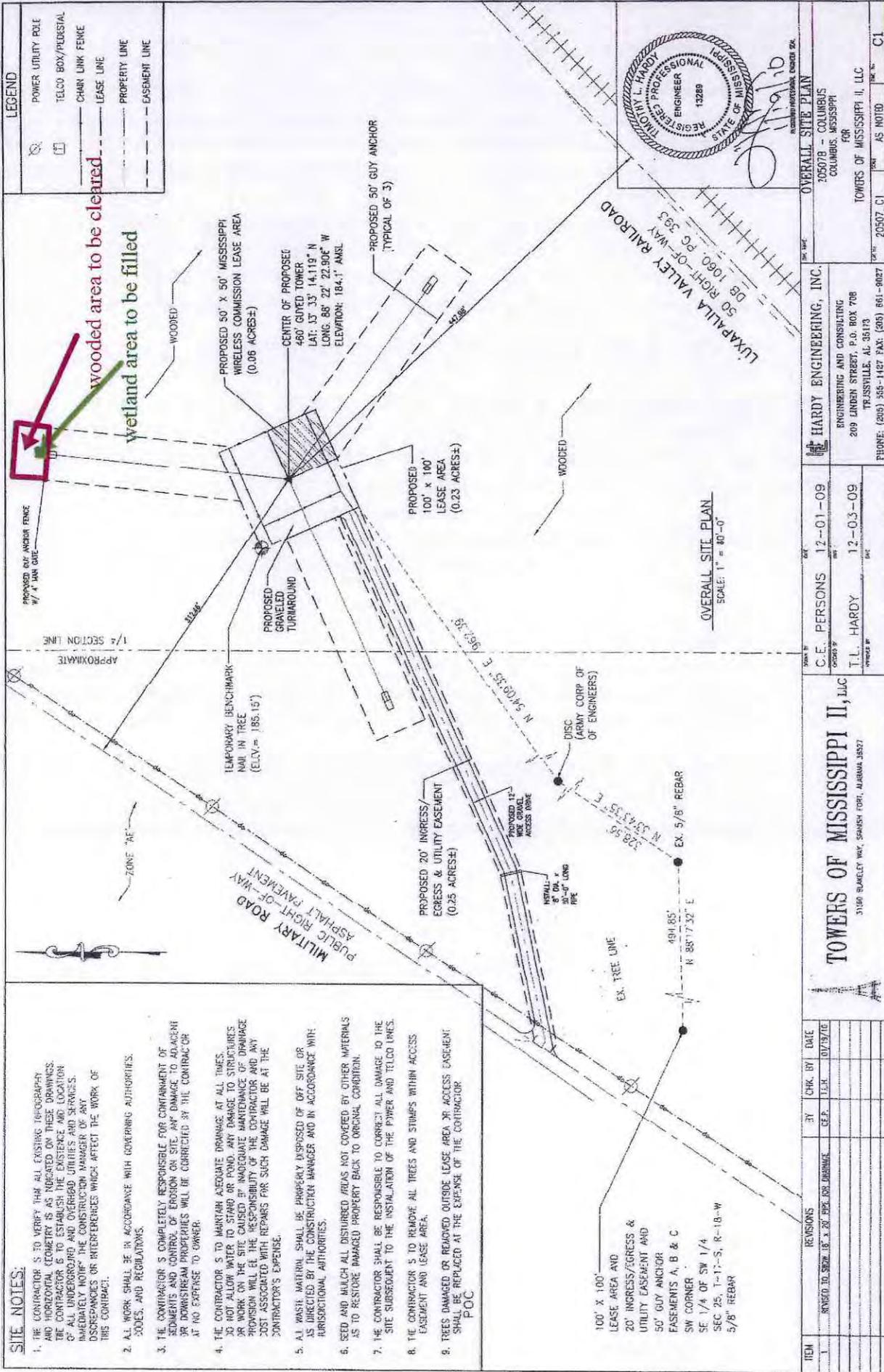


Environmental Engineers, Inc.

Subject:
Phase I Environmental Site Assessment
Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Columbus Communications Tower
Columbus, Lowndes County, Mississippi
Project No.: JSE01P0920

2007 Aerial Photograph
Scale: Unknown





SITE NOTES:

1. THE CONTRACTOR IS TO VERIFY THAT ALL EXISTING TOPOGRAPHY AND HORIZONTAL GEOMETRY IS AS INDICATED ON THESE DRAWINGS. THE CONTRACTOR IS TO ESTABLISH THE EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF ALL UNDERGROUND AND OVERHEAD UTILITIES AND SERVICES. IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER OF ANY DISCREPANCIES OR INTERFERENCES WHICH AFFECT THE WORK OF THIS CONTRACT.
2. ALL WORK SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNING AUTHORITIES, CODES, AND REGULATIONS.
3. THE CONTRACTOR IS COMPLETELY RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTAINMENT OF SEDIMENTS AND CONTROL OF EROSION ON SITE. ANY DAMAGE TO ADJACENT OR DOWNSTREAM PROPERTIES WILL BE CORRECTED BY THE CONTRACTOR AT NO EXPENSE TO OWNER.
4. THE CONTRACTOR IS TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE DRAINAGE AT ALL TIMES. DO NOT ALLOW WATER TO STAND OR POND. ANY DAMAGE TO STRUCTURES OR WORK ON THE SITE CAUSED BY INADEQUATE MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE PROVISION WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR AND ANY COST ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS FOR SUCH DAMAGE WILL BE AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE.
5. ALL WASH MATERIAL SHALL BE PROPERLY DISPOSED OF OFF SITE OR AS DIRECTED BY THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH JURISDICTIONAL AUTHORITIES.
6. SEED AND MULCH ALL DISTURBED AREAS NOT COVERED BY OTHER MATERIALS AS TO RESTORE DAMAGED PROPERTY BACK TO ORIGINAL CONDITION.
7. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO CORRECT ALL DAMAGE TO THE SITE SUBSEQUENT TO THE INSTALLATION OF THE POWER AND TELCO LINES.
8. THE CONTRACTOR IS TO REMOVE ALL TREES AND STUMPS WITHIN ACCESS EASEMENT AND LEASE AREA.
9. TREES DAMAGED OR REMOVED OUTSIDE LEASE AREA OR ACCESS EASEMENT SHALL BE REPLACED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE CONTRACTOR.

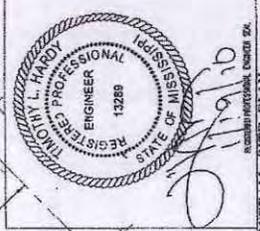
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- 100' X 100' LEASE AREA AND
- 20' INGRESS/EGRESS & UTILITY EASEMENT AND
- 50' GUY ANCHOR
- EASEMENTS A, B & C
- SW CORNER
- SEC 1/4 OF SW 1/4
- SEC 25, T-17-S, R-18-W
- 5/8" REBAR

LEGEND

	POWER UTILITY POLE
	TELCO BOX/PEDESTAL
	CHAIN LINK FENCE
	LEASE LINE
	PROPERTY LINE
	EASEMENT LINE

wooded area to be cleared.
wetland area to be filled



<p>TOWERS OF MISSISSIPPI II, LLC 31100 BARCLAY WAY, SPANISH FORT, ALABAMA 35277</p>	<p>DATE: 12-01-09</p> <p>BY: C.E. PERSONS</p>	<p>DATE: 12-01-09</p> <p>BY: C.E. PERSONS</p>	<p>DATE: 20507_C1</p> <p>BY: AS NOTED</p>
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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
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6578 Dogwood View Parkway, Suite A
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February 3, 2010

Mindy Milam
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11578 US Highway 411
Odenville, Alabama 35120

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RE: Proposed Tower in Lowndes County, Mississippi, Project: JSE01P0920

Dear Ms. Milam:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) received your letter dated January 12, 2010, regarding the proposal for a new telecommunication tower located off of Military Road in Columbus. The proposal is for construction of a 465-foot guyed wire telecommunications tower within a fenced and graveled equipment compound area and includes three guy wire anchors. Our comments are submitted in accordance with the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-711).

Price's potato bean, a threatened plant, is the only listed terrestrial species for Lowndes County. This herbaceous, twining vine is often found in wooded areas that grade into creek and river bottoms. It is unlikely that this listed species would be found at the site as documented by photographs that you provided. Therefore, the Service anticipates no impacts to this listed species to occur as a result of the proposed project. However, due to the adverse impact these towers can have on migratory birds, we would like to make several recommendations which can be found in the attached guidelines document. And finally, since two of the guy wire anchors appear to be located in wetlands, the Service also recommends that the applicant contact the Mobile District, Army Corps of Engineers regarding the need for a Department of the Army Clean Water Act, Section 404 permit.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. Please contact Terri Jacobson at (601) 321-1129 if your project plans change or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


for Stephen Ricks
Field Supervisor

- PROPOSED
 EXISTING CONDITIONS

WETLAND RAPID ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

COUNTY: Lowndes PROJECT _____ DATE 2/26/2010 REVIEWER Mindy Milam FLUCCS CODE _____
 APP. #: MSWIN 20507B/JSE01P0920 WETLAND TYPE: FORESTED Non-Forested

LAND USE CATEGORY	WETLAND AREA	SECONDARY IMPACTS	MELALEUCA INVASION >50%
pine plantation	_____ ACRES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES %= _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES
	0.001 ACRES OF IMPACT	0.028 ACRES	

WILD LIFE UTILIZATION 1

WETLAND CANOPY 1

WETLAND GROUND COVER 0

HABITAT SUPPORT / BUFFER 2.1

WRAP SCORE

33.06%

BUFFER TYPE	SCORE	% AREA	SUB TOTAL
pine plantation	2	80	1.6
industrial	1	20	0.2
single-family res	1.5	20	0.3
			0
			0

FIELD HYDROLOGY 0

WATER QUALITY INPUT & TREATMENT 1.85

LAND USE CATEGORY	SCORE	% AREA	SUB TOTAL
industrial	1	20	0.2
low volume highway	2	50	1
pine plantation	2	80	1.6
			0
			0
LU TOTAL			2.8

PRETREATMENT CATEGORY	SCORE	% AREA	SUB TOTAL
natural undeveloped	3	30	0.9
no treatment	0	70	0
			0
			0
			0
PT TOTAL			0.9

WILDLIFE UTILIZATION
 Wildlife utilization should be consideration of the suite of species that would inhabit and are endemic to the mature target wetland system and not just any wildlife. The area is potentially used by white-tailed deer, and various song birds, reptiles, and amphibians. A corridor connects the area surrounding the site to the wooded area along Luxapallila Creek.

WETLAND CANOPY
 Canopy is defined as woody vegetation with greater than 4 inch dbh at breast height. A few desirable species were noted within the understory.

WETLAND GROUND COVER
 Groundcover should be in consideration endemic species of target wetland community

HABITAT SUPPORT/BUFFER
 This is based upon habitats OUTSIDE the perimeter of the polygon.

FIELD HYDROLOGY
 Site specific based on conditions inside and outside polygons. A man-made pond is located north of the site and industrial area is located south of the site. The site is surrounded to the east and west by state highways and single-family residential areas.

WQ INPUT & TREATMENT
 This is based upon habitats OUTSIDE the perimeter of the polygon. Other than the existing pine plantation, there is no water treatment within the vicinity of the site.



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
MOBILE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
Regulatory Division
Birmingham Field Office
218 Summit Parkway, Suite 222
Birmingham, Alabama 35209

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March 10, 2010

Inland Branch
Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Nationwide Permit Authorization - Permit Number SAM-2010-00136-JMT, Towers of Mississippi, Project Number JSE01P0920

Environmental Engineers, Inc.
Attention: Ms. Mindy Milam
11578 US Highway 411
Odenville, Alabama 35120

Dear Ms. Milam:

This letter is in response to your 5 March 2010 addendum of data requesting a Department of the Army (DA) permit associated with a telecommunications project located off Military Road. Specifically, the project is located in Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 18 West, (Latitude 33.33141 N and Longitude -88.22229 W), Lowndes County, Columbus, Mississippi.

Department of the Army authorization is necessary because your project will involve the placement of fill material into jurisdictional waters of the United States, regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Based upon the information and plans you provided, we hereby verify that the work described above, which would be performed in accordance with the received drawings, is authorized by Nationwide Permit (NWP) 39 in accordance with 33 CFR Part 330 of our regulations. This NWP and its associated Regional and General Conditions can be viewed at our website www.sam.usace.army.mil/RD/reg. You must comply with all of the special and general conditions and any project specific conditions of this authorization or you may be subject to enforcement action. The NWP authorization will expire on March 18, 2012. In the event you have not completed construction of your project within the specified time limit, a separate application or re-verification may be required.

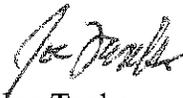
Compensatory mitigation will not be required for this project as the filling activity is minimal.

The District Engineer shall be notified promptly in writing at the commencement and completion of the work. The enclosed form letter(s) may be used for that purpose. If the scope of work or project location changes, you are urged to contact this office for a verification of this determination.

This letter of authorization does not obviate the necessity to obtain any other Federal, State, or local permits, which may be required. Please note the applicant is also required to submit a signed certification regarding the completed work and completion of any required mitigation. The attached Compliance Certification form must be completed and returned to the letterhead address within 60 days of completion of the work authorized.

Please contact me at 205-290-9096 if you have any questions. For additional information about our Regulatory Program, visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/RE/reg, and please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey while you are there. Your response is appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

Sincerely,



Joe Tanko
Project Manager
Regulatory Division

Enclosures



US Army Corps of Engineers
Mobile District

NOTIFICATION OF COMMENCEMENT OF WORK

Permit Number: SAM-2010-00126-JMT

Name of Permittee: Towers of Mississippi (Project # JSE01P0920)

Date of Permit Issuance: March 10, 2010

Location of the Work: Lowndes County, Mississippi

Upon commencement of the authorized work and any mitigation required by the permit, you must complete and return this notification to the following address:

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District
Regulatory Division (RD-I-N)
218 Summit Pkwy, Suite 222
Homewood, AL 35209**

Please note that your permitted activity is subject to a compliance inspection by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative. If you fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this permit the permit is subject to permit suspension, modification, or revocation and you are subject to an enforcement action by this office.

IT SHALL NOT BE LAWFUL TO DEVIATE FROM SUCH PLANS EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER COMPLETION OF THE WORK, unless modification of said plans has previously been submitted to and received the approval of the Department of the Army. If for any reason it becomes necessary to make a material change in location or plans for this work, revised plans should be submitted promptly to the District Engineer in order that the revised plans may receive the approval required by law before work is begun.

PERMITTEE TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Date Work Commenced: _____

Signature of Permittee

Date



US Army Corps of Engineers
Mobile District

SELF-CERTIFICATION - STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Permit Number: SAM-2010-00126-JMT

Name of Permittee: Towers of Mississippi (Project # JSE01P0920)

Date of Permit Issuance: March 10, 2010

Location of the Work: Lowndes County, Mississippi

Upon completion of the activity authorized by this permit and any mitigation required by the permit, you must complete and return this certification to the following address:

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District
Regulatory Division (RD-I-N)
218 Summit Pkwy, Suite 222
Homewood, AL 35209**

Please note that your permitted activity is subject to a compliance inspection by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative. If you fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this permit the permit is subject to permit suspension, modification, or revocation and you are subject to an enforcement action by this office.

PERMITTEE TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Date Work Completed: _____

I hereby certify that the work authorized by the above-referenced permit has been completed in accordance with the permit authorization, including all general and/or special conditions of the said permit, and the required mitigation (if applicable) was completed in accordance with the permit conditions.

Signature of Permittee

Date

**NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND
REQUEST FOR APPEAL**

Applicant: Towers of Mississippi, Project #JSE01P0920	File Number: SAM-2010-00126-JMT	Date: 10-Mar-2010
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Attached is:	See Section below
INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of permission)	A
PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of permission)	B
PERMIT DENIAL	C
APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	D
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	E

SECTION I - The following identifies your rights and options regarding an administrative appeal of the above decision. Additional information may be found at <http://usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cccw/reg> or Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331.

A: INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or object to the permit.

- **ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
- **OBJECT:** If you object to the permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may request that the permit be modified accordingly. You must complete Section II of this form and return the form to the district engineer. Your objections must be received by the district engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice, or you will forfeit your right to appeal the permit in the future. Upon receipt of your letter, the district engineer will evaluate your objections and may: (a) modify the permit to address all of your concerns, (b) modify the permit to address some of your objections, or (c) not modify the permit having determined that the permit should be issued as previously written. After evaluating your objections, the district engineer will send you a proffered permit for your reconsideration, as indicated in Section B below.

B: PROFFERED PERMIT: You may accept or appeal the permit

- **ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
- **APPEAL:** If you choose to decline the proffered permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may appeal the declined permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

C: PERMIT DENIAL: You may appeal the denial of a permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

D: APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You may accept or appeal the approved JD or provide new information.

- **ACCEPT:** You do not need to notify the Corps to accept an approved JD. Failure to notify the Corps within 60 days of the date of this notice, means that you accept the approved JD in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the approved JD.
- **APPEAL:** If you disagree with the approved JD, you may appeal the approved JD under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.

E: PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION: You do not need to respond to the Corps regarding the preliminary JD. The Preliminary JD is not appealable. If you wish, you may request an approved JD (which may be appealed), by contacting the Corps district for further instruction. Also you may provide new information for further consideration by the Corps to reevaluate the JD.

SECTION II - REQUEST FOR APPEAL or OBJECTIONS TO AN INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT

REASONS FOR APPEAL OR OBJECTIONS: (Describe your reasons for appealing the decision or your objections to an initial proffered permit in clear concise statements. You may attach additional information to this form to clarify where your reasons or objections are addressed in the administrative record.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The appeal is limited to a review of the administrative record, the Corps memorandum for the record of the appeal conference or meeting, and any supplemental information that the review officer has determined is needed to clarify the administrative record. Neither the appellant nor the Corps may add new information or analyses to the record. However, you may provide additional information to clarify the location of information that is already in the administrative record.

POINT OF CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION:

If you have questions regarding this decision and/or the appeal process you may contact:

Joe Tanko

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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

218 Summit Parkway #222

Homewood, AL 35209

(205) 290-9096

If you only have questions regarding the appeal process you may also contact:

MR. MICHAEL F. BELL

REGULATORY APPEAL REVIEW OFFICER

60 FORSYTH STREET SOUTHWES

ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303-8801

(404) 562-5137

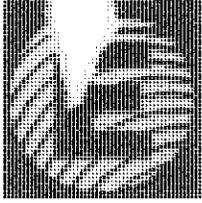
RIGHT OF ENTRY: Your signature below grants the right of entry to Corps of Engineers personnel, and any government consultants, to conduct investigations of the project site during the course of the appeal process. You will be provided a 15 day notice of any site investigation, and will have the opportunity to participate in all site investigations.

Signature of appellant or agent.

Date:

Telephone number:

Appendix L



ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS, INC.

11578 US Highway 411, Odenville, Alabama 35120

Environmental and Geological Consultants

November 24, 2009

Mr. Homer L. Wilkes, State Conservationist
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service
100 W. Capital Street
Suite 1321 Federal Building
Jackson, MS 39269

Subject:
Request for Project Review
Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Wireless Communications Tower
Columbus Lowndes County, Mississippi
Environmental Engineers, Inc. Project No.: JSE01P0920

Dear Mr. Wilkes:

Environmental Engineers, Inc. is requesting comment on behalf of Towers of Mississippi, the State of Mississippi, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding construction of a wireless communications tower in Lowndes County, Mississippi. This project is being funded using a FEMA grant (2008-MS-MX-0001) and the State of Mississippi's expenditures at this site will include construction of a telecommunications facility, purchase and installation of 700 MHz RF equipment and microwave telecommunication backbone network, equipment shelter, network integration, acceptance testing, communication hardware optimization and system exercising and piloting of interoperability capabilities of the network. Information regarding this project was previously submitted to your office via letter dated November 17, 2009. However, the proposed site access road location depicted on the aerial photograph included with our earlier submission was not correct. We have included a revised copy of the 2007 aerial photograph showing the correct location of the proposed access road. I apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused

The site is depicted on the United States Geological Survey 7.5-minute Topographic Quadrangle "Steens, Mississippi," dated 1987. The site is located in the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 18 West, Lowndes County, Mississippi, at latitude $33^{\circ}33'14.119''$ north and longitude $88^{\circ}22'22.906''$ west (Figure 1). The site consists of a proposed 100-foot by 100-foot lease area with associated guy anchor easements, and a proposed access road located off Military Road in Columbus, Mississippi. The site is a portion of pine plantation that slopes gently down toward the north. Trees range in size from three to eight inches in diameter at breast height (dbh). Proposed activities consist of construction of a 510-foot guyed communications tower and access road, enclosing the compound in a fence, placement of support equipment within the compound, and covering the compound and access road with gravel. The proposed project is located in "Zone AE" (shaded) of the Flood Insurance Rate Map Community Panel No. 28087C0065J which bears an effective date of September 7, 1998 and is designated as a special flood hazard area inundated by 100-year floods. I have included a site location map, site photographs, and the portion of the 2006 aerial photograph depicting the site for your review.

Phone: (205) 629-3868 • Fax: (877) 847-3060

Environmental Engineers, Inc. has been retained by Towers of Mississippi and the State of Mississippi to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project. Please reference the Environmental Engineers, Inc. project number (JSE01P0920) in correspondence regarding this site. Thank you for your time and assistance and we look forward to your response. Please contact me by telephone at (205) 629-3868, electronic mail at hfisher@envciv.com, or U.S. mail at the letterhead address if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS, INC.

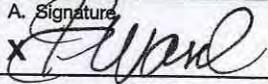


Henry A. Fisher, P.E.
Principal Engineer

Attachments Site Location Map, Site Photographs, Aerial Photograph

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Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Jackson, MS 39269

December 16, 2009

Henry A. Fisher, P.E.
Principal Engineer
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11578 US Highway 411
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Dear Mr. Fisher:

This is in response to your letter dated November 24, 2009, regarding the Proposed MSWIN 20507 B Wireless Communications Tower in Columbus in Lowndes County, Mississippi.

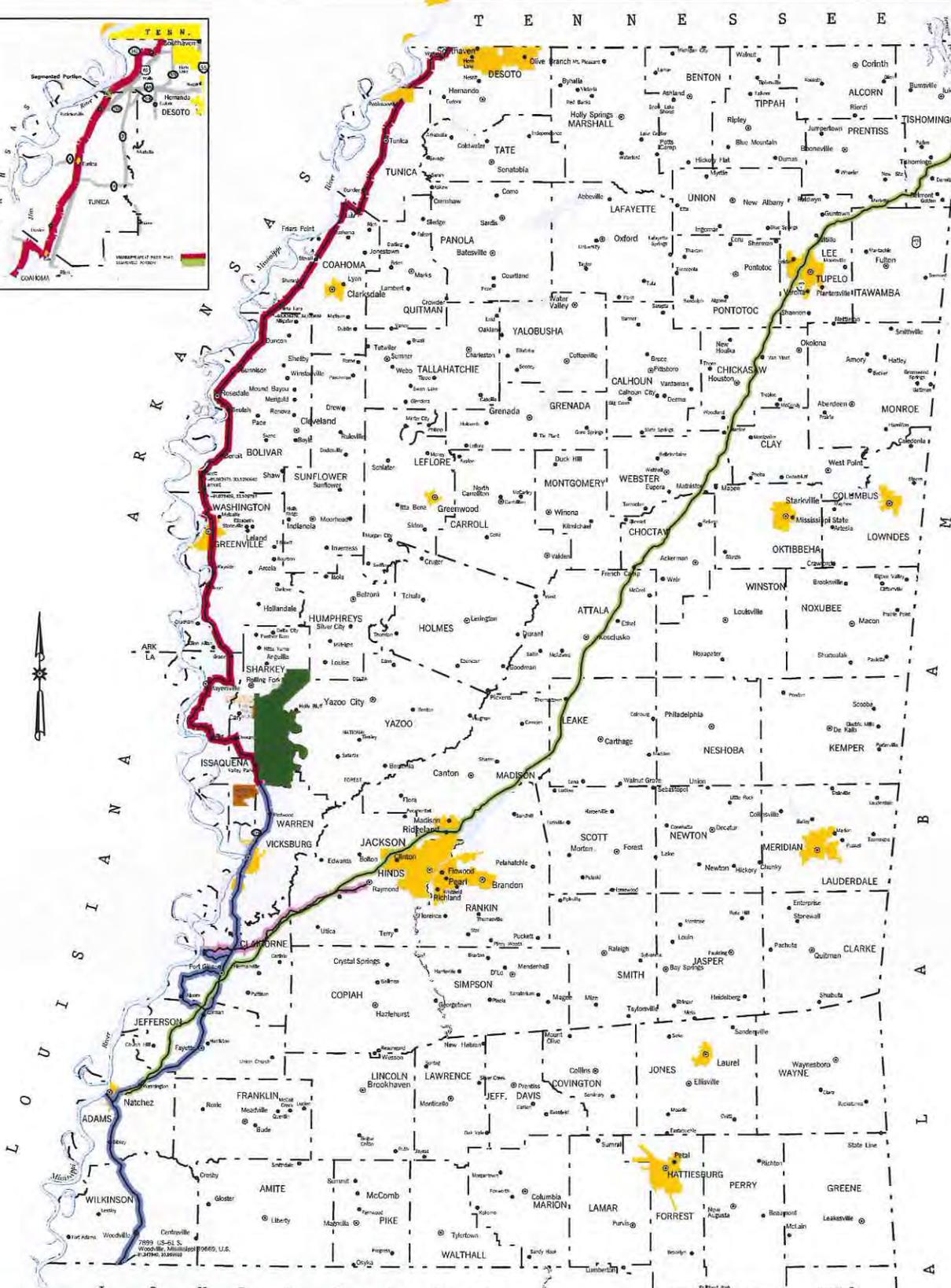
A FPPA determination is not necessary since no permanent conversion of land is planned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Delaney B. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Delaney B. Johnson
State Soil Scientist

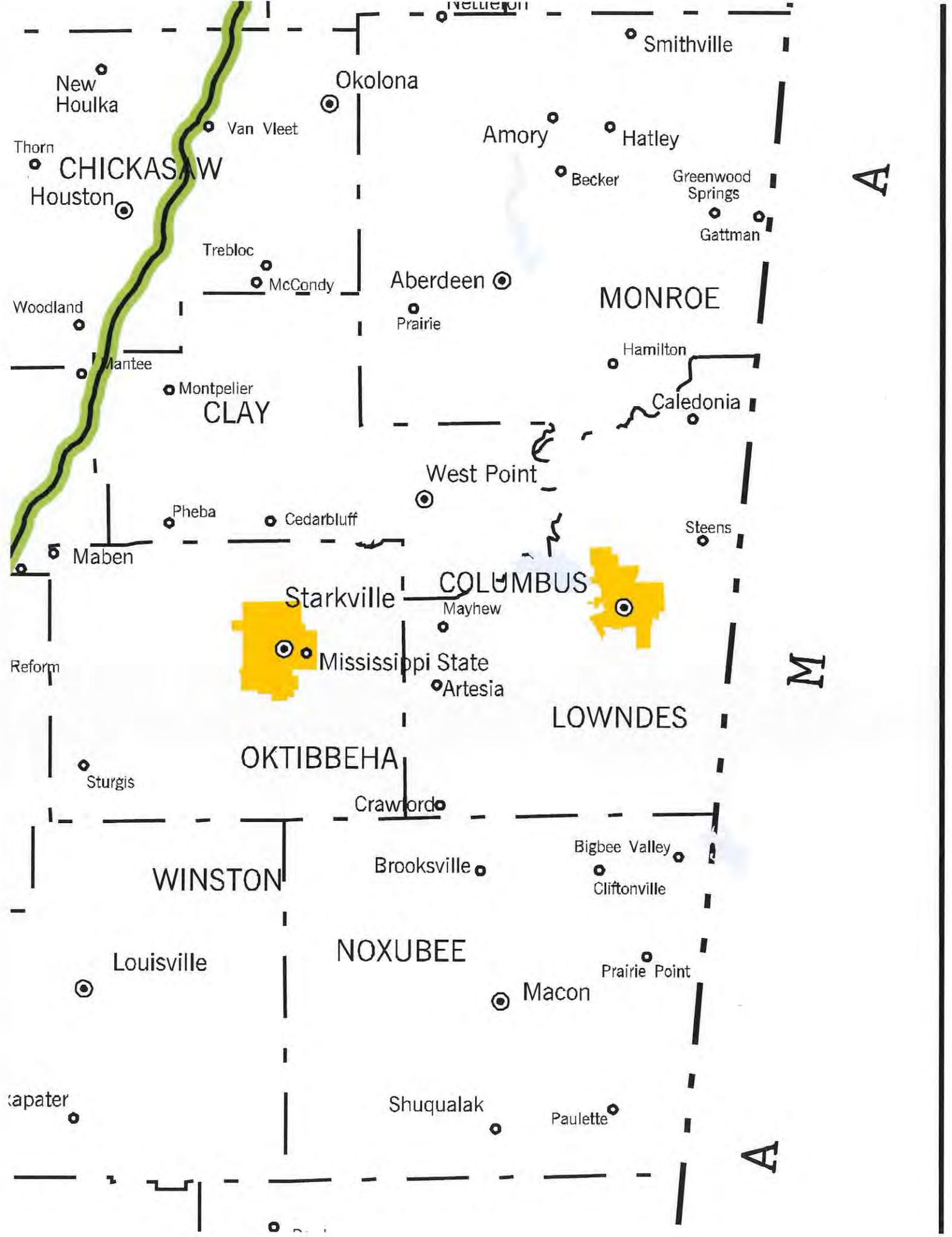
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Mississippi

DeSoto National Forest
 654 West Frontage Road
 Wiggins, Mississippi 39577

Designated Reach: October 30, 1986. The segment from Fairley Bridge Landing upstream to Moody's Landing.

Classification/Mileage: Scenic — 21.0 miles; Total — 21.0 miles.

This scenic southern river features deep, black water and contrasting white sand bars as it follows a meandering course through Mississippi's coastal plain. The river and area provide a variety of opportunities for backpacking and fishing and six launch points provide for canoeing.



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Designated Wild & Scenic Rivers

Rivers that pass through several states may have segments in each state designated. For example, the Klamath River has designations in California and Oregon. Many rivers also have numerous tributaries designated (e.g., Washington's Skagit River). Multiple listings of some rivers indicate more than one segment of the river is designated (e.g., the Missouri River in Nebraska).

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