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Re: Luck Saluda Site, Phase I Cultural Resources Survey, Draft
Batesburg-Leesville, Saluda County, South Carolina
SHPO Project No. 23-RL0249

Dear Natalie Adams Pope:

Thank you for your project correspondence which we received on August 7th, 2023 that you submitted regarding the Luck Saluda, Phase I Cultural Resources Survey, Draft. We have received a copy of the draft report *Phase I Cultural Resources Survey of the Luck Saluda Site, Saluda County, South Carolina* as supporting documentation for this undertaking. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is providing comments to the New South Associates, Inc. pursuant to the South Carolina Mining Act (SC Code Title 48, Chapter 20, Sections 10-310) and its implementing regulations found at Chapter 89-120(C)(4) of the SC Code of Regulations. Consultation with the SHPO is not a substitution for consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes including those with state recognition, local governments, or the public.

The SHPO concurs with the Phase I archaeological survey methodologies utilized in the *Phase I Cultural Resources Survey of the Luck Saluda Site, Saluda County, South Carolina*. Systematic shovel testing of 810 shovel tests within the 330-acre project tract expanded the boundaries of three existing archaeological sites, 38SA0281, 38SA0282, and 38SA0283 and identified two new archaeological sites 38SA0284 and 38SA0285. Our office concurs that all five archaeological sites, 38SA0281, 38SA0282, 38SA0283, 38SA0284 and 38SA0285 are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The SHPO concurs that archaeological sites 38SA0281, 38SA0283 and 38SA0284 would not be able to answer pertinent research questions concerning historic 19th-20th century tenant farmstead or residential occupations in Saluda County or South Carolina as a whole. Likewise, our office concurs that archaeological sites 38SA0282 and 38SA0285 would not be able to answer pertinent research questions concerning Early Archaic or general precontact occupations in Saluda County or South Carolina as a whole. The desktop reconnaissance survey identified seven historic above-ground architectural resources, SHPO Site No. 0053-0053.01, SHPO Site No. 0054, SHPO Site No. 055-055.01, SHPO Site No. 0056-0056.01 and SHPO Site No. 0057. Our office concurs all seven architectural resources are not eligible for

listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The SHPO concurs with the report recommendations that further cultural resources management is not currently necessary and that the proposed undertaking should have no effect on historic properties. Our office has no technical comments and accepts the report as final.

To complete the reporting process, please provide at least three (3) hard copies of a final report: one (1) bound hard copy and a digital copy in ADOBE Acrobat PDF format for the SHPO; one (1) bound and one (1) unbound hard copies and a digital copy in ADOBE Acrobat PDF format for SCIAA. Investigators should send all copies directly to the SHPO. The SHPO will distribute the appropriate copies to SCIAA.

Please ensure that a copy of our comments letter is included in the Appendices and Attachments of the final report.

Please provide GIS shapefiles for the surveyed area. Shapefiles for identified archaeological sites should be coordinated with SCIAA. Shapefiles should be compatible with ArcGIS (.shp file format) and should be sent as a bundle in .zip format. For additional information, please see our [GIS Data Submission Requirements](#).

Please ensure that all Draft and Final survey deliverables (reports, survey forms and photographs, and GIS shapefiles) are sent to the SHPO at the same time using the same medium (e.g., DVD-RW, thumb drive, or FTP/file sharing site) to assist in project tracking. Files should be sent to rc@scdah.sc.gov. This new email address is only to be used for submitting survey deliverables. Contact your assigned reviewer directly for any questions or concerns.

We do request, however, that our Office be notified immediately if archaeological materials or human skeletal remains are encountered prior to or during construction on the project site. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include, but are not limited to, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic sherds, brick scatters, worked wood, bone and stone, along with metal and glass objects.

Please refer to SHPO Project Number 23-RL0249 in any future correspondence regarding this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at 803-896-6181 or at RLarsen@scdah.sc.gov.

Sincerely,

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