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January 24, 2012

Ms. Bridgette Lyles, Site Selection Specialist  
Capacity Planning and Site Selection Branch  
Federal Bureau of Prisons  
320 First Street, NW  
Washington, DC, 20534

Re: *Phase I Archaeological Survey for the Federal Bureau of Prisons Feasibility Study at Three Proposed Sites in Letcher County, Kentucky*  
By Kimberly M. Sebestyen and Steven W. Brann, TEC Inc.

Dear Ms. Lyles:

Thank you for your letter concerning the above referenced report. This project entailed pedestrian survey and screened shovel testing of three proposed sites totaling approximately 240 acres. No new historic or prehistoric archaeological sites were recorded as a result of this survey, and the authors recommend no further investigations of two of the three proposed sites (the Roxana/Meade Farm Site and the Payne Gap/Lawson Site). The authors identify an area of the third proposed site (the Van/Fields Site) that has not been previously surveyed and could not be accessed at the time of the fieldwork. Should this site be chosen for construction, the authors recommend that the ridgeline remnant be surveyed for archaeological resources. I concur with the authors' findings and recommendations. However, should the project plans change, or should additional information become available regarding cultural resources or citizens' concerns regarding impacts to cultural resources, please submit that information to our office as additional consultation may be warranted.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Nick Laracuenta of my staff at 502.564.7005, extension 151.

Sincerely,

Lindy Casebier,  
Acting Executive Director and  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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cc: Jonathan P. Kerr (CRA)



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**CRAIG A. POTTS**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND  
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April 24, 2014

Issac Gaston  
United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Prisons  
Capacity Planning and Site Selection Branch  
320 First St. NW  
Washington, DC 20534

**Re: *Historic Architectural Resources Survey for Proposed Federal Correctional Facility,  
Letcher County, Kentucky***

Dear Mr. Gaston:

On March 27, we received the above referenced report for review and comment. Six historic resources (LR-149 through 153 and LR-188) were evaluated. None of the sites are considered eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and the consultant recommends no further work. We concur with the results of the survey.

If you have questions regarding these comments, please contact Jill Howe of my staff at 502-564-7005, ext. 121.

Sincerely,

Craig A. Potts  
Executive Director and  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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December 22, 2014

Mr. Issac Gaston, Site Selection Specialist  
Federal Bureau of Prisons  
320 First Street NW  
Washington, DC 20534

**Re: *Addendum Phase I Archaeological Survey for the Federal Bureau of Prisons Proposed United States Penitentiary and Federal Prison Camp, Letcher County Kentucky***, by Kimberly Sebestyen and Steven Brann (Cardno, Inc).

Dear Mr. Gaston:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the above referenced report for an archaeological survey conducted in Letcher County, Kentucky for the proposed United States Penitentiary and Federal Prison Camp project. The survey found no evidence of cultural resources. Therefore, the author concluded that the project will have no adverse effect on cultural resources that are potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. I concur with the author's findings. Therefore, in accordance with 36CFR Part 800.4 (d) of the Advisory Council's revised regulations our finding is that there are **No Historic Properties Present** within the undertaking's area of potential impact. Therefore, we have no further comments and responsibility to consult with the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Officer under the Section 106 review process on this project is fulfilled.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Yvonne Sherrick of my staff at 564-7005, ext. 113.

Sincerely,

Craig A. Potts  
Executive Director and  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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cc. George Crothers, Johnathan Kerr (CRA)

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Washington, D.C. 20534

February 27, 2017

Mr. Craig Potts  
Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer  
Kentucky Heritage Council  
300 Washington Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Subject: OSA FY17-9088; Federal Bureau of Prisons Proposed Federal Correctional Facility, Letcher County, Kentucky – Phase I Archaeological Survey

Dear Mr. Potts,

Enclosed please find three paper copies of the *Phase I Archaeological Survey for the Federal Bureau of Prisons Federal Correctional Facility at the Proposed Roxana/Meade Farm Site in Letcher County, Kentucky*; OSA Registration No. FY17-9008, prepared by Cardno, Inc. in conjunction with Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc.

The Federal Bureau of Prisons proposes to construct and operate a federal correctional facility to include a U.S. Penitentiary, Federal Prison Camp, and ancillary facilities in Letcher County, Kentucky. A Phase I archaeological survey was conducted at three proposed sites in Letcher County in August 2011 (OSA Registration No. FY12-7001); the September 2011 report was reviewed by your office in January 2012. Additional Phase I archaeological survey was conducted at two of the three proposed sites in August 2014 (OSA Registration No. FY12-7001); your office reviewed the November 2014 addendum survey report in December 2014. Due to changes in the layout of the proposed federal correctional facility at one of the three sites, the Roxana/Meade Farm site, additional Phase I archaeological survey was conducted at the site in areas that had not been impacted by the previous site plan and had not been surveyed. Because it has been more than three years since the original survey, the project was registered with the Kentucky Office of State Archaeology again, and a new file search was completed.

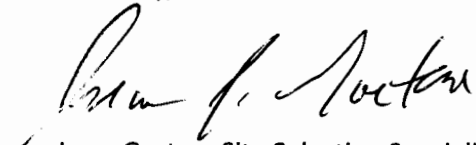
An additional 50 acres was surveyed at the Roxana site for the subject project. Due to steep slopes and previous surface mining disturbance at the site, pedestrian survey was conducted and no subsurface testing was performed. No archaeological sites were identified, and no further work is recommended at the site. As the survey found no sites, an abbreviated report was prepared. The enclosed report details

the results and recommendations of the additional survey. The Federal Bureau of Prisons concurs with the report's findings and recommendations.

In addition to the archaeological surveys, two previous historic architectural surveys were conducted for the subject project (completed by TEC, Inc. in August 2011 and Cardno TEC, Inc. in February 2014), and no historic properties were identified as a result of these surveys. Therefore, in accordance with 36 CFR 800.4(d), the Federal Bureau of Prisons finding is **No Historic Properties Affected**, as no historic properties are present within the project's area of potential effects. We respectfully request your review and comment on the enclosed report and your concurrence with our finding.

Please contact me at [igaston@bop.gov](mailto:igaston@bop.gov) or (202) 514-6470 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Issac Gaston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "I" and a long, sweeping underline.

Issac Gaston, Site Selection Specialist  
Capacity Planning and Construction  
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