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Subject: Re: Proposed ACF Scoping Meeting - November 13, 2008

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation is interested in the environmental and cultural resources in the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basins.
Unfortunely we will be unable to attend the meeting scheduled for Nov 13,
2008. The Southeastern Archaeological Conference going on in Charlotte,
North
Carolina at the same time.. Nov 12-15. The MCN tribal representative Tim
Thompson, Cultural Advisor will
be presenting along with Karen Kaniatobe (Shawnee),... Russ Townsend (E.
Cherokee),... Richard Allen (Cherokee),...
Lisa Stopp, (United Keetoowah Band) on the same day Nov 13th.
I will be in New Orleans at the National Association of Multicultural
Education Conference, (NAME)Nov 12-16th. I will be presenting there
also...
These tribes are all from the Southeastern Region.. The following week Nov
17-21 is open.... although we do have Native American Day Nov 17th with is a Holiday for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation..
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Subject: FW: Proposed ACF Scoping Meeting - November 13, 2008

During the first week of October I sent out an advanced notice of a proposed meeting to hear about environmental (and cultural resources) concerns from interested parties specifically from the Native American Indian tribes with interests in the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT) and Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) River Basins. The additional meeting specifically with the Native American Indian representatives is scheduled for November 13, 2008, if necessary. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Mobile District, is initiating the scoping process for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for the implementation of proposed updates to the Corps' Master Water Control Manuals (WCM) for management throughout the ACT and ACF River Basins. A formal letter was sent to each of the tribes on October 15, 2008.

The study areas of environmental concern are located throughout the extent of both the ACT and the ACF River Basins and include Federally-owned reservoirs, locks, dams and waterways maintained and operated by the US Army Corps of Engineers and dams and reservoirs owned and operated by the Alabama Power Company and Georgia Power Company. Each EIS will address current operations and any changes in water management operations at the reservoir projects, as well as potential impacts throughout each basin which would result from implementation of the procedures identified in the updated Manuals.
Information gathered during scoping meetings will bring to light any potentially significant impacts associated with proposed updates to the manuals; discuss limitations of, or gaps in existing data sets; consider possible alternatives to the proposed action; and identify updated tools that could assist the Corps in evaluating impacts to the human and natural environment resulting from implementation of the proposed action and alternatives. Additional information on the ACF Water Control Manual Update can be found at website www.acf-wcm.com.

If your tribal government desires to engage in further government-to-government consultation regarding the EIS's for the ACT and ACF River Basins, the Corps recommends holding such a meeting, if interest is shown, on November 13, 2008 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the Five Rivers-Alabama's Delta Resource Center in Spanish Fort, Alabama, outside of Mobile (http://www.outdooralabama.com/outdoor-adventures/5rivers/).

Please let us know if you are interested in attending the meeting on November 13, 2008 by the end of the day October 31, 2008 so travel plans can be organized. Please contact Tommy Birchett, archeologist, at the Mobile District office at 251-694-4107 or by email at:
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