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**From:** Birchett, Thomas C SAM [Thomas.C.Birchett@usace.army.mil]
**Sent:** Thursday, November 06, 2008 1:42 PM
**To:** Miller, Jamie
**Subject:** FW: FW: Proposed ACF Scoping Meeting - November 13, 2008

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From: Sandra R [mailto:sandrar@ccppcrafts.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2008 9:34 AM
To: Birchett, Thomas C SAM
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Subject: Re: FW: Proposed ACF Scoping Meeting - November 13, 2008

On Mon, 27 Oct 2008 14:47:46 -0500, Birchett, Thomas C SAM wrote
> 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.
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> 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.
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> 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/).
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> 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:
> thomas.c.birchett@usace.army.mil. Thanks, Tommy Birchett
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Thank you for the update. Please add Beckee Garris beckeeg@ccppcrafts.com to your contacts for our offfice.
Regards,

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