



REPLY TO
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JUL 15 2003

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Dear Mr. Oaks:

This letter concerns the consultation process for the Buckeye Knoll site (41VT98) located near the Corps of Engineers Channel to Victoria project. I hereby submit the Final Treatment Plan (Enclosure 1) to you for comment in accordance with requirements of the 1990 Programmatic Agreement for this project. A Statement of Findings (Enclosure 2) is also provided which summarizes the facts surrounding Section 106 investigations and coordination of the Buckeye Knoll site. These documents constitute my decision to proceed with site analysis, analysis of human remains, reporting of technical information, and support of prompt reburial of human remains once analysis is concluded.

Galveston District has balanced diverse interests, issues, and demands in reaching a decision on the treatment plan and final disposition of human remains and archeological materials from the Buckeye Knoll site. The consultation process prescribed by 36CFR800 has been carefully and deliberately followed to ensure that the views of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the State Historic Preservation Officer, Native Americans, the archeological community, DuPont, and the general public were heard and fully considered in reaching this decision. All comments on the Final Draft Treatment Plan, received in response to our letter dated April 4, 2003, were considered in preparation of the Final Treatment Plan.

I request your comment on the attached Final Treatment Plan, concluding Section 106 consultation on this project. I believe the plan balances the views of your agency, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the consulting parties, and the general public to the greatest extent practical, and clearly documents my decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leonard D. Waterworth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

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