



IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Big Thicket National Preserve

6044 FM 420

Kountze, Texas 77625

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May 19, 2006

John Sadler
Seismic Assistants, Ltd.
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Re: Request for Temporary Access to Collect Information Necessary to Prepare a Plan of Operations for the Knight Phase IV 3-D Seismic Survey

Dear Mr. Sadler:

In reply to the May 16, 2006, letter from Tanya Matherne, Dixie Environmental Services Co. (DESCO), on behalf of Seismic Assistants, Ltd. (SAL), I am hereby granting SAL temporary access to the Turkey Creek Unit of Big Thicket National Preserve for a period not to exceed 60 days, beginning on May 22, 2006. The purpose of the permit is solely for the mapping and sampling of vegetation in accordance with *Seismic Assistants, Ltd's Knight Phase IV 3D: Big Thicket National Preserve Turkey Creek Unit Vegetation Mapping and Sampling Plan* submitted to the National Park Service by DESCO in April 2006. This temporary access is granted pursuant to 36 CFR 9.38(a)(1). Access is limited to areas for which SAL has demonstrated the requisite mineral rights to the NPS. You may request a subsequent temporary access permit to proceed to conduct additional resource surveys and survey source and receiver line locations necessary to prepare a plan of operations and environmental assessment.

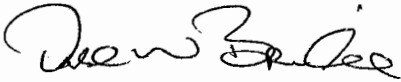
Approval to conduct the vegetation mapping and sampling is limited by the following conditions:

- Access by motorized vehicles will be limited to existing roads.
- No cutting of vegetation will be permitted.
- Harassing, injuring, or destroying wildlife is prohibited (including all snakes). It is illegal to damage or destroy nests or dens of wildlife, and appropriate measures will be employed to avoid these areas.
- All work activities will be conducted during daylight hours.
- Possession of firearms is prohibited.
- SAL will be responsible for equipment/supplies stored within Preserve boundaries.
- All cans, bottles, paper, and other trash will be removed from the Preserve daily.

- There will be no collection of natural or cultural materials other than those provided for in the vegetation mapping and sampling plan referenced above.

Thank you for helping us protect the resources and values of Big Thicket National Preserve. If you have any questions, please contact Dusty Pate, Oil and Gas Program Manager, at 409 951-6822.

Sincerely,



Todd Brindle
Superintendent

cc:

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Haigler (Dusty) H. Pate
Oil and Gas Program Manager
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6044 FM 420
Kountze, TX 77625

Dear Dusty,

We would like to request permission for temporary access to the Turkey Creek Unit of the Big Thicket National Preserve for a period of 60 days, beginning on April 22, 2006, to conduct vegetation mapping and sampling, which is necessary to prepare a Plan of Operations and Associated Environmental Assessment for Seismic Assistants, Ltd.'s Knight Phase IV 3D Seismic Survey. Vegetation mapping and sampling efforts will be conducted in accordance with *Seismic Assistants, Ltd.'s Knight Phase IV 3D: Big Thicket National Preserve Turkey Creek Unit Vegetation Mapping and Sampling Plan*, which was prepared by Dixie Environmental Services Co. (DESCO) and submitted to the National Park Service in April 2006.

If you have any questions please call me at 281-252-9799.

Sincerely,

Tanya Matherne
President