



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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July 7, 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 July 5, 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 Big Sandy Creek Corridor, Turkey Creek and Village Creek Corridor Units of Big Thicket National Preserve for a period not to exceed 60 days, beginning on July 10, 2006. The purpose of the permit is solely for the surveying source and receiver line locations and the flagging of sensitive areas for avoidance. This temporary access is granted pursuant to 36 CFR 9.38(a)(1). You may request a subsequent temporary access permit to proceed to conduct additional resource surveys necessary to prepare a plan of operations and environmental assessment.

My approval 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 from the Preserve.
- All flagging placed within the Preserve will be biodegradable, and marked to identify the project and date of posting.

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,



for
Todd Brindle
Superintendent

cc:

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July 5, 2006

Haigler (Dusty) H. Pate
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Dear Dusty,

We would like to request permission for temporary access to the Turkey Creek, Village Creek Corridor, and Big Sandy Creek Corridor Units of the Big Thicket National Preserve for a period of 60 days, beginning on July 10, 2006, for the collection of information necessary to prepare a Plan of Operations for Seismic Assistants Ltd.'s Knight Phase IV 3D Seismic Survey.

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

Sincerely,

Tanya Matherne
President