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United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Big Thicket National Preserve

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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

July 20, 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 an amendment to a temporary access permit for the Big Sandy Creek Corridor, Turkey Creek and Village Creek Corridor Units of Big Thicket National Preserve granted on July 7, 2006. The amendment to the permit is solely for wetlands delineation in accordance with *Dixie Environmental Services Co.'s (DESCO's) Proposed Scope of Work for Wetland Delineation of SAL's Drill Access Routes and Source Point Locations within the Turkey Creek, Big Sandy Creek Corridor, and Village Creek Corridor Units of the Big Thicket National Preserve* submitted to the National Park Service by DESCO on July 19, 2006. This temporary access is granted pursuant to 36 CFR 9.38(a)(1) and is valid for a period of 60 days starting July 21, 2006. 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.
- All test pits dug during the wetland delineation will be refilled.

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

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