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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

August 17, 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:

I reply to the July 5, 2006, letter from Tanya Matherne of 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 July 7, 2006. The amendment to the permit is solely for a cultural resources survey in accordance with *Seismic Assistants, Ltd's. Cultural Resource Survey in the Big Sandy Creek Corridor Unit, Turkey Creek Corridor Unit, and Village Creek Corridor Unit of the Big Thicket National Preserve in Hardin and Tyler Counties, Texas, Research Design* submitted to the National Park Service by DESCO. This temporary access is granted pursuant to 36 CFR 9.38(a)(1), and is valid for a period of 60 days starting August 18, 2006.

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 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 except as provided for in the research design and ARPA permit # 06BITH2.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd Brindle', with a stylized, cursive script.

Todd Brindle  
Superintendent

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