



R. L. Harris Hydroelectric Project

FERC No. 2628

Meeting Summary
Harris Action Team (HAT) 6 Meeting
July 16, 2021
10:00 am – 10:15 am
Microsoft Teams Meeting

NOTE: A copy of the July 16, 2021 HPMP Review presentation is attached.

Meeting Summary:

Alabama Power Company (Alabama Power) scheduled a meeting on July 16, 2021 from 10:00-11:00 am to review the draft Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP) with the entire HAT 6. Due to limited participation¹, the morning meeting was concluded at 10:15. Alabama Power held a more in-depth HPMP review meeting with the HAT 6 subgroup that receives Privileged information on the afternoon of July 16, 2021 from 12:00-2:00 pm. A public version of the HAT 6 subgroup meeting summary is provided below.

Amanda Fleming opened the meeting with a brief safety moment and stated the purpose of the meeting: to review the draft HPMP that was distributed to select participants and filed “Privileged” with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on June 29, 2021.

Amanda F. discussed the status of the cultural resources milestones and noted that Alabama Power had 1) developed the Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP) Identification Plan, 2) developed the Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP), 3) established the Area of Potential Effects (APE), 4) conducted surveys and inventories, 5) researched the Miller Covered Bridge, 6) reviewed impacts from potential operational changes, and 7) developed the draft HPMP.

Amanda F. outlined the components and provided an overview of the HPMP. Amanda F. presented information on the surveys and inventories performed to date for the Harris Project that began with preliminary archaeological assessments of 101 sites around Lake Harris. Amanda F. noted that 52 sites on Lake Harris, 29 sites at Skyline, and 11 caves at Skyline were evaluated further during relicensing and the results were presented in appendices to the HPMP.

Amanda F. noted that the Miller Covered Bridge and Harris Dam are known and potential historic properties, respectively, with Harris Dam becoming eligible for evaluation for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in 2033. Amanda F also presented the definition of TCPs and asked the Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) to confirm that to date there had not been any formal TCPs in Alabama. Amanda McBride (AHC) stated that there had not been any formal TCP nominations, but noted there are some areas on the coast that have been evaluated as TCPs.

Amanda F. explained Project effects and management/mitigation procedures, the implementation procedures of the HPMP, and the responsibilities of the HPMP Coordinator. Robin Soweka, Jr. (Muscogee (Creek) Nation) asked if Amanda F. is the HPMP Coordinator. Amanda stated that Bill Gardner (Alabama Power) is the HPMP Coordinator for the Harris Project. Amanda F. noted

¹ Besides Alabama Power and Kleinschmidt staff, Amanda McBride, with the Alabama Historical Commission, was the only attendee.

that any updated operating proposal for the Harris Project, a complete list of known sites in the Harris APE, and an updated schedule to complete the TCP identification and evaluation process will be included in the Final HPMP, to be filed in conjunction with the Final License Application (FLA) in November 2021.

The meeting concluded.

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HAT 6 Meeting- HPMP Review July 16, 2021

Teams



Meeting Etiquette



- 🖨️ Be patient with technology issues
- 🖨️ Follow along with PDF of presentations
- 🖨️ Use the "chat" feature in Microsoft Teams
- 🖨️ Clearly state name and organization when asking questions

Safety and Roll Call



Preventing Slips, Trips & Falls








<p>Clean all spills immediately. Mark spills and wet areas with warning signs and barricades.</p> 	<p>Remove obstacles from walkways and always keep them free of clutter.</p> 	<p>Cover cords and cables that cross walkways.</p> 
<p>Keep working areas and walkways well lit. Replace burned-out light bulbs and faulty switches.</p> 	<p>Secure mats, rugs, and carpets that do not lay flat by tacking or taping them down.</p> 	<p>Spread grease-absorbent compound on oily surfaces.</p> 
<p>Always close file cabinet or storage drawers.</p> 	<p>Never carry or push loads that block your vision.</p> 	<p>Cover all floor openings or protect them with guard rails.</p> 

Meeting Purpose

To review the draft HPMP distributed on June 29, 2021.



Plan to Assess Cultural Resources

-  Developed the TCP Identification Plan
-  Developed the Inadvertent Discovery Plan
-  Established APE
-  Conducted surveys and inventories
-  Researched the Miller Covered Bridge
-  Reviewed impacts from potential operational changes
-  Developed Draft HPMP

HPMP Components



- ✦ Relicensing Background and Overview of HPMP
- ✦ Project Background Information
- ✦ Project Management and Preservation Goals and Priorities
- ✦ Project Effects and Management/Mitigation Procedures
- ✦ HPMP Implementation Procedures

Relicensing Background and Overview of HPMP



- 🌳 Allows for development of a draft PA, if needed
- 🌳 Introduces APE
- 🌳 Defines consulting parties
- 🌳 Provides overview of HPMP

Project Background Information



- 🌲 Project Description
- 🌲 Project Operations
- 🌲 Project APE
 - 🌲 Discuss effects from Project Operations on Private lands in the APE
 - 🌲 Best Management Practices for Managing Historic Properties on Private Lands
- 🌲 Historic Context

Surveys and Inventories



Lake Harris

- * 🏠 **330** previously recorded sites and identified sites for further evaluation
- * 🏠 **101** sites identified for preliminary archeological assessment
- * 🏠 **52** sites were revisited

Skyline

- * 🏠 **141** sites identified from previous surveys
- * 🏠 **29** sites were revisited
- * 🏠 **236** previously recorded caves in Skyline (entire WMA)
- * 🏠 **11** caves were investigated






Downstream of Harris Dam

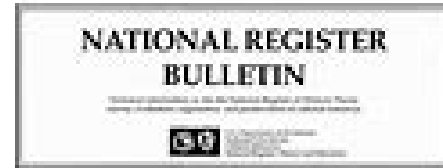
- * 🏠 Reviewed impacts to sites downstream of Harris Dam in the *Downstream Release Alternatives Phase 2 Report* and Appendix J of the PLP (Privileged)

Traditional Cultural Properties



According to the NPS (2012), the following types of property may be eligible for listing in the NRHP as a TCP:

-  Places associated with traditional beliefs
-  Places where structures or patterns of land use signify the beliefs and practices of a rural community
-  Communities that house a particular cultural group and reflect that groups beliefs and practices
-  Places where Native American religious practitioners go or have gone historically to perform ceremonial practices
-  Areas where a community carries out or has carried out cultural, artistic, or economic practices important in continuing the community's identity



Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting
Traditional Cultural Properties



Known and Potential Historic Properties- Harris Dam and Miller Covered Bridge



Project Management and Preservation Goals



- ★★ Management for historic properties in the APE which are eligible, potentially eligible, or listed in the NRHP (36 CFR. §60.4).
 - ★★ Preservation, protection, monitoring, follow treatment standards, appropriate mitigation
 - ★★ In accordance with the Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (36 cfr 68), issued by the Secretary of the Interior
- ★★ Responsibilities for SHPO, APC, FERC, and tribes

Project Effects and Management/Mitigation Procedures



- ☾* Evaluation Procedures
 - ☾* Appendix F- Activities do not require consultation
 - ☾* Consultation process
 - ☾* Emergency exemptions
- ☾* Mitigation for actions that may adversely affect historic properties
- ☾* Management Protocols
- ☾* Treatment of Human Remains
- ☾* Public Interpretation Provisions
- ☾* Unanticipated and Inadvertent Discoveries
- ☾* Unscheduled Ground Disturbance
- ☾* Removal of Project Lands





HPMP Implementation Procedures



- Responsibilities of HPMP Coordinator
 - Liaison with the SHPO, FERC, and applicable tribes
- Annual Report describing:
 - Work related to preservation
 - Summary of any discoveries
 - Monitoring details
 - Public education activities
- HPMP review and revisions
- Dispute Resolution

Final HPMP



-  Any updated operating proposal will be included in the Final HPMP.
-  A complete list of known sites in the Harris APE
-  Schedule to complete the TCP identification and evaluation process
-  In conjunction with FLA – November 2021

Questions/Comments

