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Mr. Kevin Wickey  
State Conservationist  
USDA - NRCS  
75 High Street, Room 301  
Morgantown, WV 26505

RE: Lost River Subwatershed  
FR#: 05-1190-HY-11

Dear Mr. Wickey,

We have reviewed the document titled *Draft Supplemental Work Plan and Second Draft Environmental Impact Statement*, which was submitted for the above-referenced project. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" we submit our comments.

The document describes two alternative plans proposed for Dam Sites 16 and 23. Alternative 1, the recommended alternative, proposes the construction of Site 16 as a multiple purpose water supply and flood control site, which constitutes a change to its proposed use. Also proposed under Alternative 1 is the deletion of Site 23. The second alternative is the No Action alternative. On January 29, 2009, we provided final summary comments for the proposed project. The change in use of Site 16 and the deletion of Site 23 have no bearing on those comments. We remain in concurrence with comments provided earlier. In our opinion, there are no archaeological resources within the proposed project area that are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. In addition, we are of the opinion that this project will have no effect to architectural resources that are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. No further consultation is required with respect to the Section 106 process.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have any questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Lora A. Lamarre, Senior Archaeologist, at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,

Susan M. Pierce  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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