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KRISTIN P. SANDERS
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August 17, 2018

Jennifer Smith
Project Manager
NOAA Restoration Center
5340 Flanders Drive, Suite B
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Re: Bayou DeCade Marsh Creation and Nourishment Project (TE-138)

Dear Ms. Smith:

This in response to your request received June 8, 2018, concerning the above-referenced project. This property has not been surveyed for historic properties. It is the opinion of our office that this property has the potential to yield previously unknown archaeological deposits. Therefore, we are recommending a Phase I cultural resources survey for specific segments of this proposed project. This survey should be limited to two portions of the project area. One is the natural levee along the east bank of Turtle Bayou, where site 16TR45 is reported to be located. In addition, we recommend that the west bank of Bayou DeCade also be examined. Archaeological shovel testing or augering should be conducted on any areas along this bank that are currently above water. Survey is not recommended for the interior of the project area, or along the Lake DeCade shoreline

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Watson in the Division of Archaeology at (225) 342-8165 or rwatson@crt.la.gov. A copy of our contracting archaeologists list can be found at <https://www.crt.state.la.us/cultural-development/archaeology/cultural-resources/contracting-archaeologists/index>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristin P. Sanders".

Kristin Sanders
State Historic Preservation Officer