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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Historic Structure Report: Install Culverts and Improve SR 1534 (Hart Rd) from Everett Rd to 500 feet south of Eagle's Nest Lane, WBS No.36249.4529, PA No. 23-05-0011, Transylvania County, ER 23-2690

Thank you for your December 5, 2023, memorandum transmitting the Historic Structures Survey Report (HSSR) for the above-referenced undertaking. We have reviewed the report and offer the following comments.

We do not concur that Eagle's Nest Camp (TV0377) is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criteria A and C for the reasons listed in the report. Eagle's Nest Camp is an interesting camp complex, and the report makes a good case for historic significance under Criteria A and C, however, the overall integrity of the resources does not appear to convey the significance of the camp within the early to middle twentieth century period of significance.

The report argues that the camp is significant because it retains its original layout and activity areas designed by the prominent local civil engineer, Royal H. Morrow, despite the quantity of buildings that have been added, renovated, and replaced since the camps inception. For example, while several resources were constructed between 1927 and circa 1975, more than half of the total 43 resources inventoried date to the 1980s-onward with many of the older resources having extensive renovations during this time period. Without both the outdoor activity spaces and the original buildings intact, it is our opinion that there is not enough overall integrity to convey its historic significance as an early planned summer camp. We believe that the camp has the potential to be eligible for listing in the NRHP once the majority of the buildings are at least 50 years old.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

If you have questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-814-6579 or environmental.review@dncr.nc.gov. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

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