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Subject: Section 106 Consultation on LED Walkway Lights - XL Landings at Laughlin Air Force Base, Val Verde County, Texas

Good afternoon,

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Reference: Tennis, Cynthia L., Marcie Renner, and Robert J. Hard (1996) Archaeological Survey of Laughlin Air Force Base, Val Verde County, Texas. Center for Archaeological Survey Report, No. 239. Center for Archaeological Research, The University of Texas at San Antonio.

Dear Chairman Bernard Barcena,

Laughlin Air Force Base (LAFB) located east of Del Rio in Val Verde County, Texas, would like to initiate a consultation with Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas. Among other things, we would like this consultation to address cultural and historic resource issues, pursuant to the regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The project consists of installing (13) LED lights. The installation will include 1-1/4" conduit, underground secondary conductor, concrete vault for single phase pad-mount transformer, 1-ph transformer, concrete foundations, and metal poles with LED light fixtures. Construction will include trenching/boring, constructing concrete foundation 5' - 6' depth, backfilling, restoring any concrete or asphalt, and grass seed spread (restoring project to preexisting conditions). During construction xeriscape, grass, topsoil, concrete, or asphalt may/will be disturbed. Contractors will trench/bore for the installation of the underground infrastructure. Once work is complete, the contractor will restore the area to an equal or better condition.

According to our records, the base underwent a geoarchaeological investigation followed by a 100-percent archeological survey in 1994 recording 15 archeological sites (Attachment 1) located on the installation (Tennis et al. 1996). The walkway is not near these archeological sites.

It is recommended that prior to any actions or onsite work, that any contractor or subcontractors be familiar with the Laughlin Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plan and to know all steps that are required to take if any archeological artifacts are unearthed.

47th Civil Engineer Squadron believes there will be no impact on historic or archeological properties. Although LAFB finds that this project will have no effect on historic properties, your response to this letter is greatly appreciated, acknowledging your interest in participating in this undertaking as a consulting party. We welcome your assistance in identifying any historic properties that may exist within the project's Area of Potential Effects (APE) and providing any key tribal contacts. Should you wish to discuss this project and its impacts with us further, you may contact me directly at [REDACTED] or by calling [REDACTED].

2 Attachments:

1. Laughlin Archeological Sites
2. Project Location

Respectfully,

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