



September 28, 2023

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Re: Pacolet Quarry Site, Cultural Resources Reconnaissance Survey, Draft
Pacolet, Spartanburg County, South Carolina
SHPO Project No. 23-RL0300

Dear Kimberly Nagle:

Thank you for your project correspondence which we received on August 29th, 2023 that you submitted regarding the Pacolet Quarry Site, Cultural Resources Reconnaissance Survey, Draft. We have received a copy of the draft report *Cultural Resources Reconnaissance Survey, Pacolet Quarry Site, Spartanburg County, South Carolina* as supporting documentation for this undertaking. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is providing comments to the S&ME, Inc. pursuant to South Carolina Mining Act (SC Code Title 48, Chapter 20, Sections 10-310) and its implementing regulations found at Chapter 89-120(C)(4) of the SC Code of Regulations. Consultation with the SHPO is not a substitution for consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes including those with state recognition, local governments, or the public.

The SHPO concurs with the archaeological survey methodologies utilized in the *Cultural Resources Reconnaissance Survey, Pacolet Quarry Site, Spartanburg County, South Carolina*. Systematic shovel testing of 76 shovel tests within the 802.3 acre project tract identified three new archaeological sites, 38SP0483, 38SP0484 and 38SP0486, revisited five previously recorded archaeological sites, 38SP0014, 38SP0020, 38SP0052, 38SP0056 and 39SP0066 and identified one new cemetery, 38SP0485/SHPO Site No. 1716/Lee Cemetery. The SHPO concurs that all three newly identified archaeological sites, 38SP0483, 38SP0484 and 38SP0486 and one previously recorded site, 38SP0066, are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Due significant stratigraphical disturbances and low density surficial artifact assemblages, our office concurs these sites would not be able to answer pertinent research questions concerning pre-contact occupations or 20th century residences within Spartanburg County or South Carolina as a whole. Our office concurs with the previous eligibility determinations for archaeological sites 38SP0020 and 38SP0052 which are listed in the National Register of Historic Places and 38SP0014 and 38SP0056 which are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The SHPO concurs with the proposed 40 ft. archaeological buffers surrounding the 38SP0014, 38SP0020

and 38SP0052. Should development be proposed in the proximity of archaeological site 38SP0056 (north of Gillette Ct.) please provide our office development plans indicating the site's boundaries and its corresponding 40 ft. archaeological buffer. Should ground disturbing activities ever be proposed within the boundaries of any of these four sites (38SP0014, 38SP0020, 38SP0052 and 38SP0056), further consultation with our office will be required prior to the initiation of any ground disturbances. Our office concurs 38SP0485/SHPO Site No. 1716/Lee Cemetery is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; however, our office still recommends preserving the cemetery through a 30-meter (~100 ft.) buffer. Please provide our office updated site development plans indicating the cemeteries' boundaries and its associated buffer. If ground disturbing activities are proposed within the cemeteries' boundaries or its corresponding buffer, then further consultation with our office must be conducted prior to the initiation of any ground disturbance. The architectural survey identified thirteen historic aboveground resources, SHPO Site Nos. 0307 & 1717-1728. Our office concurs that all thirteen above ground historic resources are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The SHPO has additional technical comments on the report that we ask to see addressed (please see attached). We will accept the report as final once these comments are addressed; there is no need to send a revised draft.

To complete the reporting process, please provide at least three (3) hard copies of a final report: one (1) bound hard copy and a digital copy in ADOBE Acrobat PDF format for the SHPO; one (1) bound and one (1) unbound hard copies and a digital copy in ADOBE Acrobat PDF format for SCIAA. Investigators should send all copies directly to the SHPO. The SHPO will distribute the appropriate copies to SCIAA.

Please ensure that a copy of our comments letter is included in the Appendices and Attachments of the final report.

Please provide GIS shapefiles for the surveyed area and architectural sites. Shapefiles for identified archaeological sites should be coordinated with SCIAA. Shapefiles should be compatible with ArcGIS (.shp file format) and should be sent as a bundle in .zip format. For additional information, please see our [GIS Data Submission Requirements](#).

Please ensure that all Draft and Final survey deliverables (reports, survey forms and photographs, and GIS shapefiles) are sent to the SHPO at the same time using the same medium (e.g., DVD-RW, thumb drive, or FTP/file sharing site) to assist in project tracking. Files should be sent to rc@scdah.sc.gov. This new email address is only to be used for submitting survey deliverables. Contact your assigned reviewer directly for any questions or concerns.

We do request, however, that our Office be notified immediately if archaeological materials or human skeletal remains are encountered prior to or during construction on the project site. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include, but are not limited to, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic sherds, brick scatters, worked wood, bone and stone, along with metal and glass objects.

Please refer to SHPO Project Number 23-RL0300 in any future correspondence regarding this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at 803-896-6181 or at RLarsen@scdah.sc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Technical Comments

- Change “SHPO Survey Number” to “SHPO Site Number” throughout the report.
- Page i., bottom, 1716 is repeated twice.
- Page ii. Resource 38SP0485/SHPO Site No. 1716: While legal, our office would not concur with moving the cemetery as a recommendation. Please change the recommendation to avoidance and buffer.
- Please label Figure 1.3 and include a higher resolution copy of the site plan if possible.
- Page 92, 5.3.9, first sentence should read 647 Hammett Grove Road instead of 6473.
- The use of photo editing software is acceptable to achieve optimum image quality. Additional zoomed in photographs of properties only viewable from a distance is also acceptable. Examples of poor quality images include site numbers 0307, 1717, 1720, 1725, and 1727.
- Enter a Current Use on some of the survey forms.
- Sources of Information field on all survey forms: Enter the name of the Cultural Resource Survey report title, author, and date that is associated with the property recorded on the survey form. Survey Manual, Page 31.
- SHPO Site Numbers 1716 and 1723.01: Enter the date range for the earliest and most recent marked graves observed in the cemetery, or based on researched evidence. If the exact date is not known, a circa date may be entered. Survey Manual, Page 55.