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December 17, 2008

Mr. Robert Anderson  
Chief, Recreation Grants Division  
United State Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
Midwest Region  
601 Riverfront Drive  
Omaha, Nebraska 68102-4226

Re: L&WCF Section 6(f)(3) Conversion within the Lake Brazos  
Recreation Area (also known as Fort Fisher Park, TAC permit #4941)

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for your correspondence describing the above referenced project. This letter serves as comment on the proposed federal undertaking from the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission.

There are two historic sites in the area identified in your December 3, 2008 letter regarding the National Park Service's L&WCF grant agreement for the Lake Brazos Recreation Area conversion. One site is an archeological deposit and the other a historic cemetery, both located partially within the grant area. The archeological site is a City of Waco dump deposit dating from the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century (copy of the site survey form is attached). The historic cemetery is the Waco First Street Cemetery (copy of a letter from Dr. John Griggs is attached providing information about the cemetery).

Neither site has been officially assessed for eligibility under Section 106 of the National Historical Preservation Act. The archeological site was not found to be significant under the Antiquities Code of Texas through assessment by an archeological contractor and by concurrence by this office in 2006.

The next step in the Section 106 process will be for the NPS to assess the eligibility of both sites and request concurrence on eligibility from this office. If one or both sites are determined to be eligible and therefore are considered to be historic properties as defined under CFR 36 Part 800, then we will need to consult further over the effects to the sites as a result of the conversion of the L&WCF grant agreement.

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We look forward to working with the NPS to complete the Section 106 process on the Lake Brazos Recreation Area. If you need further information, please contact Dr. Jim Bruseth at 512/463-5863.

Sincerely,

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F. Lawrence Oaks  
Executive Director

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Enclosures

Cc: Tim Hogsett, TPWD  
Annette Jones, City of Waco  
Joe Thrash, Attorney General's Office