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Dear Ms. Martinsen:

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Regional Director
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Susan Pierce
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
West Virginia Division of Culture and History
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Stephen McDaniel
Director
West Virginia Division of Natural Resources
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South Charleston, WV 25303

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Water Resources Section
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105 Adair Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801

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City of Beckley
Mr. Bill O'Brien
Mayor
409 S Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801

Dear Mayor O'Brien:

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Beaver Volunteer Fire Department
147 3rd Street
Beaver, West Virginia 25813

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2651 Flat Top Road
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Jan-Care Ambulance Service
Post Office Box 2414
Beckley, West Virginia 25802

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1801 Robert C. Byrd Drive
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Fayette & Raleigh Counties Genealogical Society
Post Office Box 68
Oak Hill, West Virginia 25901

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Preservation Alliance of West Virginia Inc
Danielle LaPresta Parker
Executive DIrector
421 Davis Avenue, #4
Elkins, West Virginia 26241

Dear Director Parker:

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Coal Heritage Highway Authority/
National Coal Heritage Area
Christy Bailey
Executive Director
Post Office Box 15
100 Kelly Avenue
Oak Hill, West Virginia 25901

Dear Director Bailey:

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The Honorable Roy Cooper
West Virginia House of Delegates
31 Pam's Way
Wayside, West Virginia 24985

Dear Delegate Cooper:

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The Honorable Lynn Arvon
West Virginia House of Delegates
101 Triangle Lane
Beckley, West Virginia 25801

Dear Delegate Arvon:

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The Honorable Mick Bates
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Post Office Box 844
Beckley, West Virginia 25801

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The Honorable Rick Moye:
West Virginia House of Delegates
125 Waterbug Lane
Crab Orchard, West Virginia 25827

Dear Delegate Moye:

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Fayette/Raleigh MPO
Mr. John Tuggle
Executive Director
885 Broad Street
Suite 100
Summersville, West Virginia 26651

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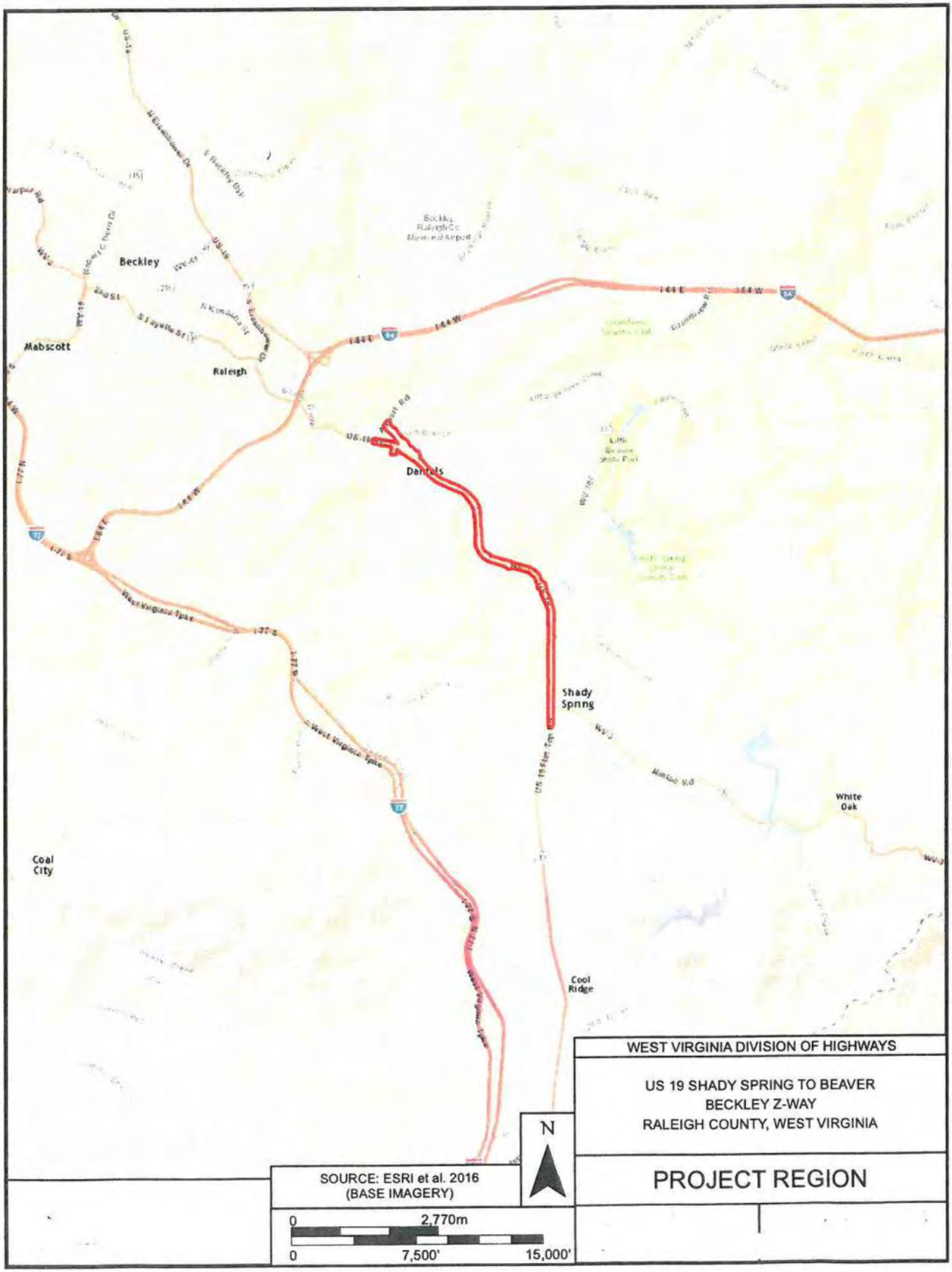

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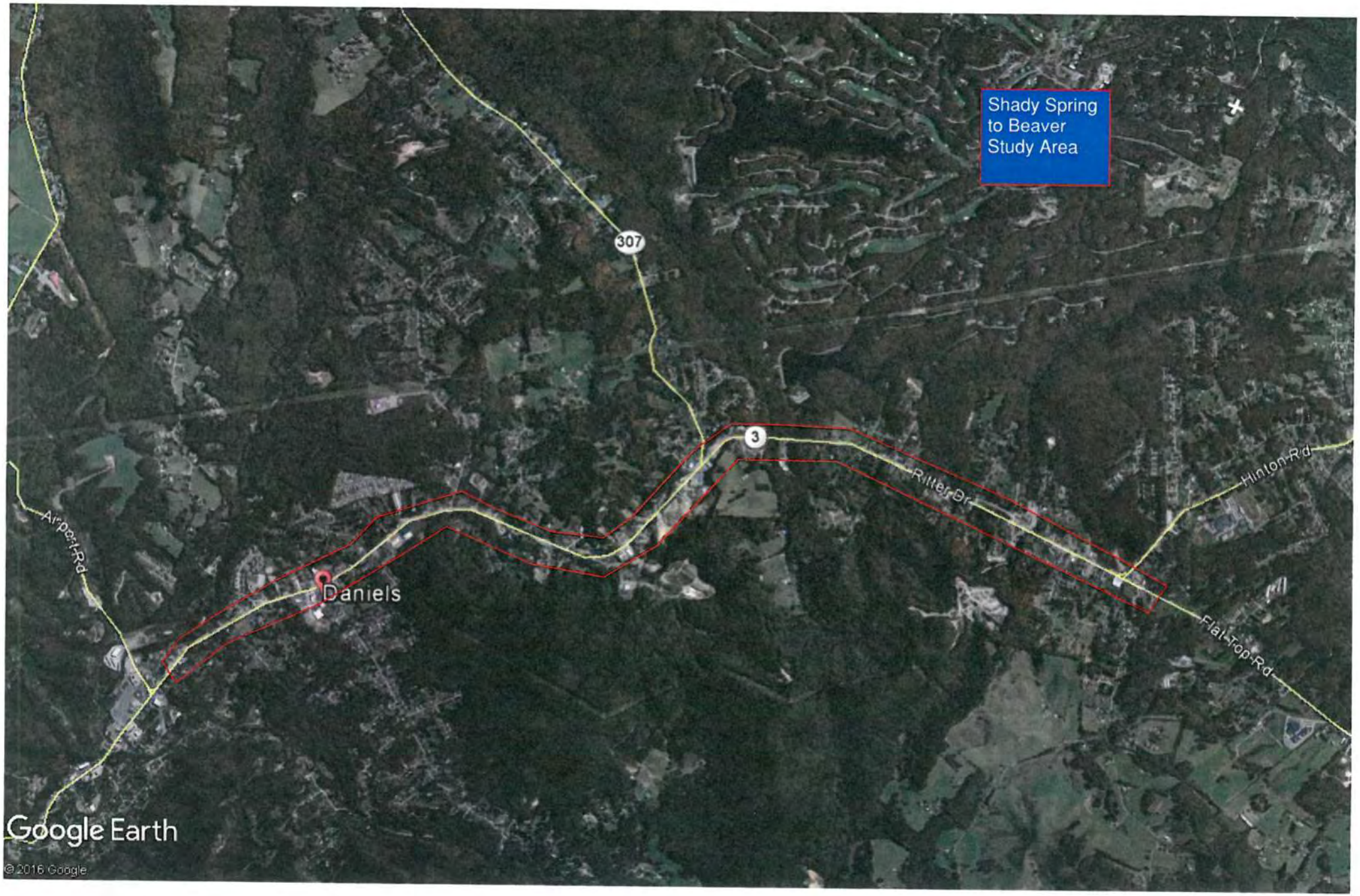
US 19 SHADY SPRING TO BEAVER
BECKLEY Z-WAY
RALEIGH COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

PROJECT REGION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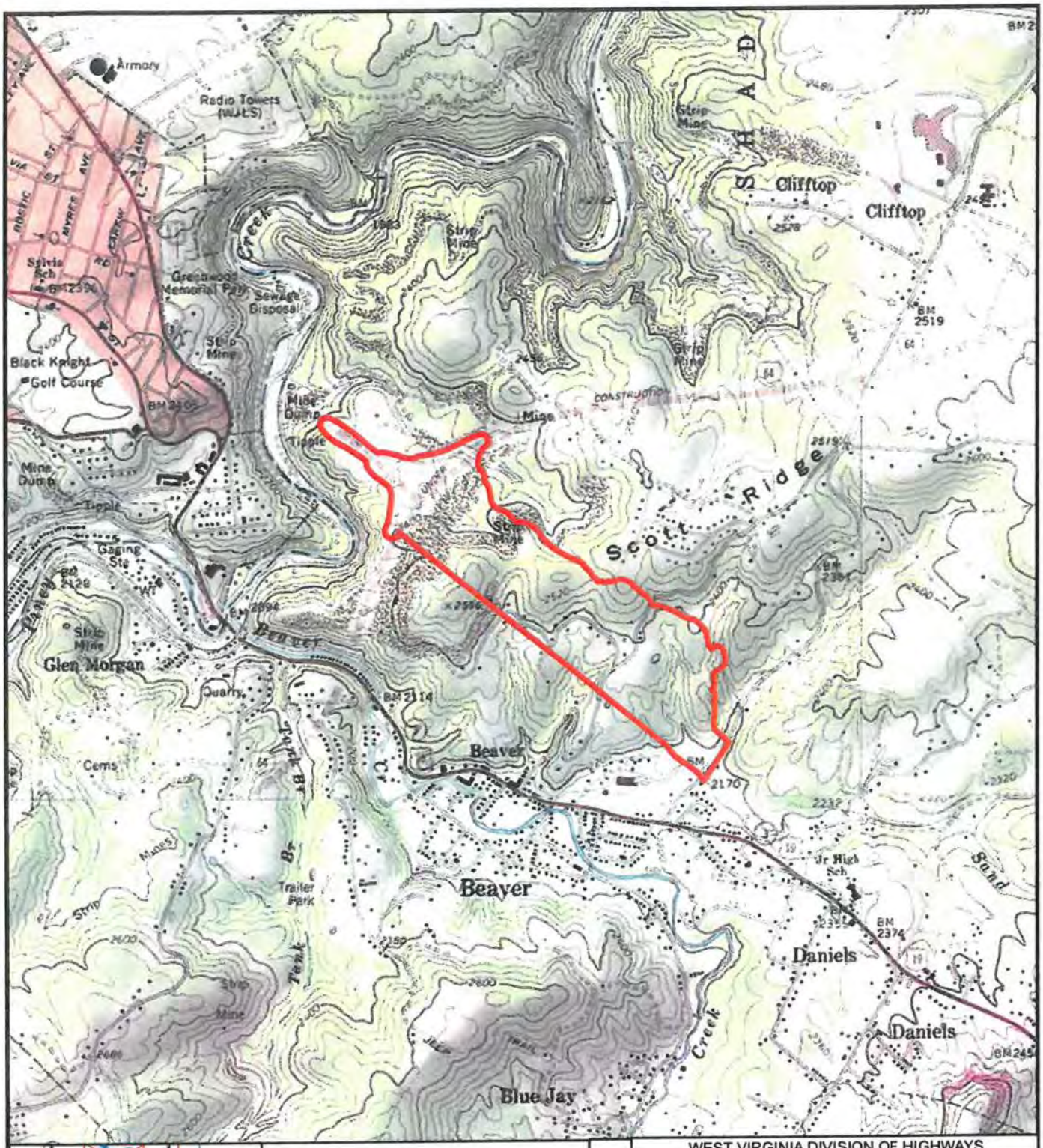

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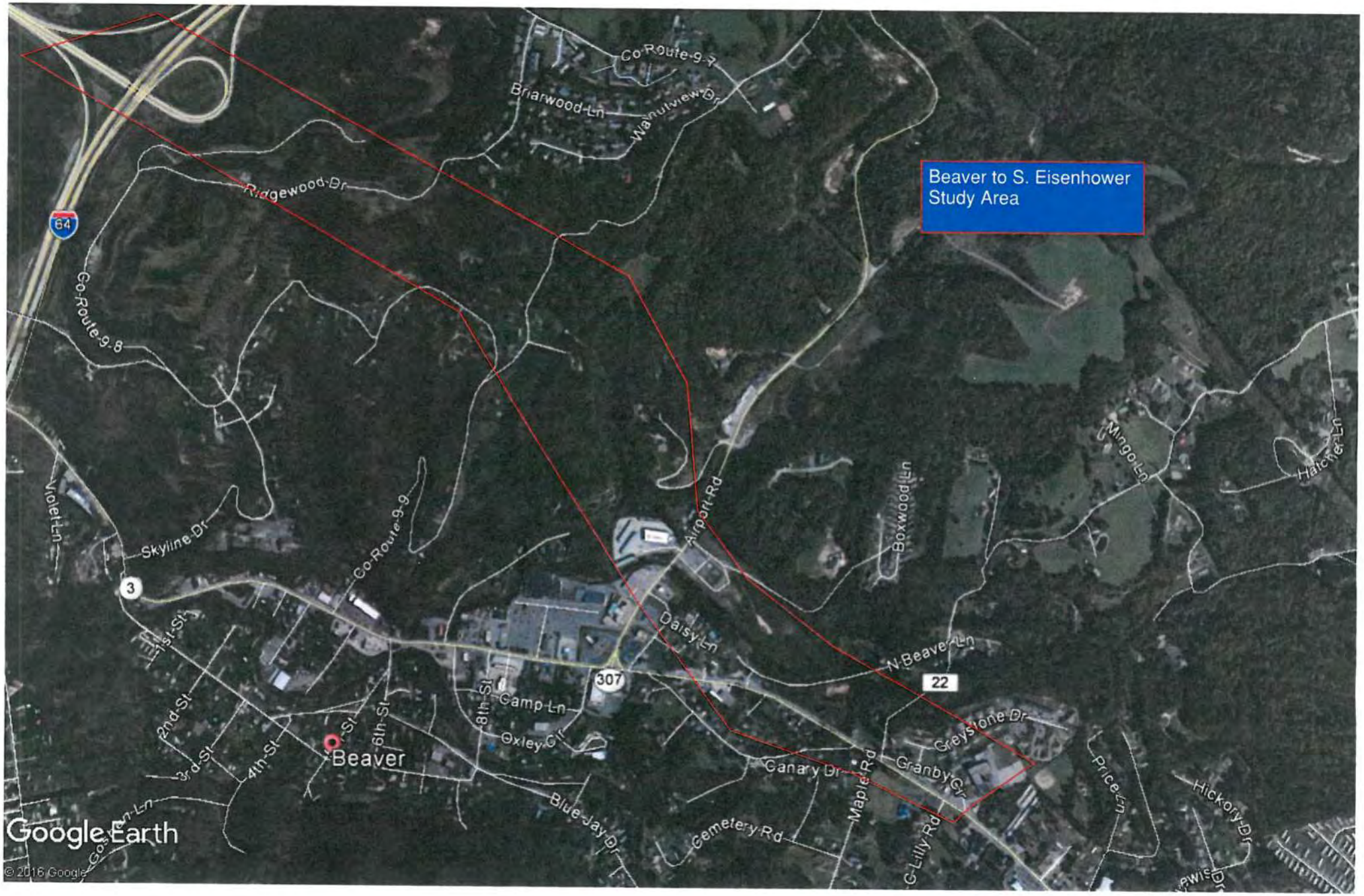
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Subject: FW: Scoping- Beckley Z-Way Beaver to S, Eisenhower Drive, Raleigh County , West Virginia
Date: Monday, May 08, 2017 12:06:10 PM

FYI

From: Okorn, Barbara [mailto:Okorn.Barbara@epa.gov]
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To: Epperly, Randy T <Randy.T.Epperly@wv.gov>
Subject: Scoping- Beckley Z-Way Beaver to S, Eisenhower Drive, Raleigh County , West Virginia

Mr. Epperly,

EPA has reviewed your letter dated April 7, 2017 regarding the roadway construction from US 19 and WV 307 to Interstate 64 at the South Eisenhower Drive Interchange. The proposed new road will include three-lanes in each direction and a continuous turning lane. We understand that the study is being done in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and CEQ regulations implementing NEPA. Please find below recommendations for the scope of analysis for the proposed study.

- The NEPA document should include a clear and robust justification of the underlying purpose and need for the proposed action. The purpose and need statement is important because it helps explain why the proposed action is being undertaken and what objectives the project intends to achieve. The purpose of the proposed action is typically the specific objective of the activity. The need should explain the underlying problem for why the project is necessary.
- Alternatives analysis should include the suite of other activities or solutions that were considered and the rationale for not carrying these alternatives forward for detailed study.
- The document should describe potential impacts to the natural and human environment. Existing resources should be identified and EPA encourages that adverse impacts to natural resources, especially wetlands and other aquatic resources, be avoided and minimized.
- A robust narrative fully describing any aquatic resources and functions should be included in the NEPA document. We suggest at a minimum, a narrative should be provided that includes: a discussion of hydrology, including sources and direction of flow; the vegetative communities in the impact area, including size of trees (dbh), percent canopy cover, understory and other components such as woody debris and snags, and presence of invasive species; soil type(s); and an assessment of expected functions based on the HGM type, ecological community, and surrounding landuse. Photos should be included. Some information on resources may be gained from public websites including:

- EnviroMapper[1]: https://www.epa.gov/waterdata/waters-watershed-assessment-tracking-environmental-results-system
- Envirofacts[2]: https://www3.epa.gov/enviro/
- NEPAssist[3]: https://www.epa.gov/nepa/nepassist
- 303(d) Listed Impaired Waters: https://www.epa.gov/exposure-assessment-models/303d-listed-impaired-waters
- Stormwater ponds, best management practices (BMPs) and construction staging areas should not be located in wetlands and streams. Stormwater management alternatives that address the existing and new construction should be considered.
- EPA suggests coordinating with other appropriate federal, state and local resource agencies on possible impacts to wetlands, streams, historic resources and/or rare, threatened and endangered species. As needed, assessment of aquatic resources functions should be provided. We would be pleased to coordinate with VDOT and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on this work.
- An evaluation of air quality and community impacts, including noise, light and possible traffic impacts, should be included in the document. General conformity status should be included in the document.
- The NEPA document should include an analysis of any hazardous sites or materials, and the status of any ongoing or past remediation efforts in the project area. This includes any groundwater contamination.
- We recommend the NEPA document include consideration of extreme weather events in particular in association with resiliency design.
- Environmental Justice (EJ) should also be evaluated, including the identification of potential communities of concern, and meaningful and timely community involvement, public outreach, and access to information. Please consider application of a tool developed by EPA to help users to identify areas with EJ population: https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen. Additionally please refer to "Promising Practices for EJ Methodologies in NEPA Reviews document for EJ analysis in NEPA reviews": https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/ej-iwg-promising-practices-ej-methodologies-nepa-reviews. Our regional expert on EJ would be pleased to discuss methodology for identification of EJ communities at your convenience.
- Consideration should be given to potential impacts to at-risk populations, as well as consideration to sensitive subpopulations, possibly including elderly, children and others. It is recommended community impacts be avoided, minimized and mitigated, to the greatest extent possible.
- The document should address potential indirect and cumulative effects in the project areas; analysis may aid in the identification of resources that are likely to be adversely affected by multiple projects, and sensitive resources that could require additional avoidance or mitigation measures. It is suggested that a secondary and cumulative effects analysis begin with defining the geographic and temporal limits of the study; this is generally broader than the study area of the project. The cumulative impact analysis

should evaluate impacts to environmental resources that have the potential to be impacted by the project (i.e. wetlands, surface water, etc)

1 The Watershed Assessment, Tracking & Environmental Results System (WATERS) unites water quality information previously available only from several independent and unconnected databases
2 Includes enforcement and compliance information
3 NEPAssist is a tool that facilitates the environmental review process and project planning in relation to environmental considerations. The web-based application draws environmental data dynamically from EPA Geographic Information System databases and web services and provides immediate screening of environmental assessment indicators for a user-defined area of interest. These features contribute to a streamlined review process that potentially raises important environmental issues at the earlier stages of project development.

Thank you for coordinating with EPA on this project. We look forward to working with you as more information becomes available. Please let me know if you have any questions on the recommended topics above. Please provide a copy of the EA to EPA when it is available for review.

Sincerely,
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Concurrence Form for Myotid Bat Survey Reports

Contact Name: Randy Epperly

Email Address or Fax Number: randy.t.epperly@fws.gov

FWS File #: 2018-I-0612 **All future correspondence should clearly reference this FWS File #.**

Project: Beckley Z-Way Beaver to S. Eisenhower Drive, Raleigh County

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the report on the bat **mist net** survey conducted in the proposed project area and submitted on March 22, 2018. The survey followed the protocol outlined in the current Range-wide Indiana Bat Summer Survey Guidelines. These Guidelines are acceptable to address the endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and the threatened northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) (NLEB). These comments are provided pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (87 Stat. 884, as amended; l6 U.S.C. l53l et seq.) The survey covered 2 acres/kilometers of potential bat habitat and was conducted at 2 net sites from August 3 to August 6, 2017 No Indiana bats were captured.

No NLEB were captured and none were tracked during this survey.

Surveys are considered current for 5 years (the summer they are completed and the following four summer seasons). In this case, the survey will expire on May 15, 2022. If a significant amendment is proposed to change or expand this project, or if timber will be removed after that date, a new survey may be necessary and the Service should be contacted.

The area was surveyed for caves and abandoned mine portals and 17 were found in the project area. Of these, 1 were found to be suitable for bat hibernacula based on Phase I cave/portal surveys. Entrance surveys were conducted from October 3 to October 4, 2017. No federally listed bats were captured.

Based on the information provided to us, the Service has concluded that no Indiana bats or NLEB are expected to be adversely affected by the project. This letter provides technical assistance only and does not serve as a completed section 7 consultation document. If there is a Federal nexus for the project (e.g., Federal funding provided, Federal permits required to construct), no tree clearing or any project construction activities on any portion of the parcel should occur until consultation under

section 7 of the ESA, between the Service and the Federal action agency, is completed. Section 7 consultation is not complete until the Federal action agency submits a determination of effects to this office, the Service concurs with the Federal action agency's determination. If there is no Federal nexus associated with this project, then no further coordination with this office is required.

Should project plans change or amendments be proposed that we have not considered in your proposed action, or if additional information on listed and proposed species becomes available, or if new species become listed or critical habitat is designated, this determination may be reconsidered.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact the biologist listed below at (304) 636-6586 or at the letterhead address.

_____ Date: 04/24/2018
Biologist

_____ Date: 04/24/2018
Field Supervisor

From: Elizabeth Stout <elizabeth_stout@fws.gov>
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Cc: Epperly, Randy T <Randy.T.Epperly@wv.gov>; Burke, Sydney T <Sydney.T.Burke@wv.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Beaver to S. Eisenhower Dr. FWS

I concur that no other listed species need to be addressed for this project.

On Mon, Aug 6, 2018 at 3:35 PM Cummings, Traci L <Traci.L.Cummings@wv.gov> wrote:

> Liz,
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> The above scoping letter was submitted to your office on 4-7-17. What we need for our environmental document is a concurrence that we have considered all the potential RTE species that we need too. When we screened the project it hit the Gray bat buffer and portal assessments were completed no portals passed the phase 1 assessments so no portal surveys were completed. The project had over 17 acres of clearing and mist nets were performed last summer with no endangered bats being captured. Are there any other species that we need to take into account for our section 7 clearance?
>
> Traci L. Cummings
> Natural Resources Program Manager
> WVDOH-Environmental Section
> 304-558-9678 office
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June 5, 2018

Attention: Ben L. Hark
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Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0430

Re. THPO #	TCNS #	Project Description
2018-1052-3		Beckley Z-Way, Beaver to South Eisenhower – Raleigh County

Dear Mr. Hark,

The Catawba have no immediate concerns with regard to traditional cultural properties, sacred sites or Native American archaeological sites within the boundaries of the proposed project areas. **However, the Catawba are to be notified if Native American artifacts and / or human remains are located during the ground disturbance phase of this project.**

If you have questions please contact Caitlin Rogers at 803-328-2427 ext. 226, or e-mail caitlinh@ccppcrafts.com.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Rogers for

Wenonah G. Haire
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April 25, 2018

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Dear Ms. Totherow:

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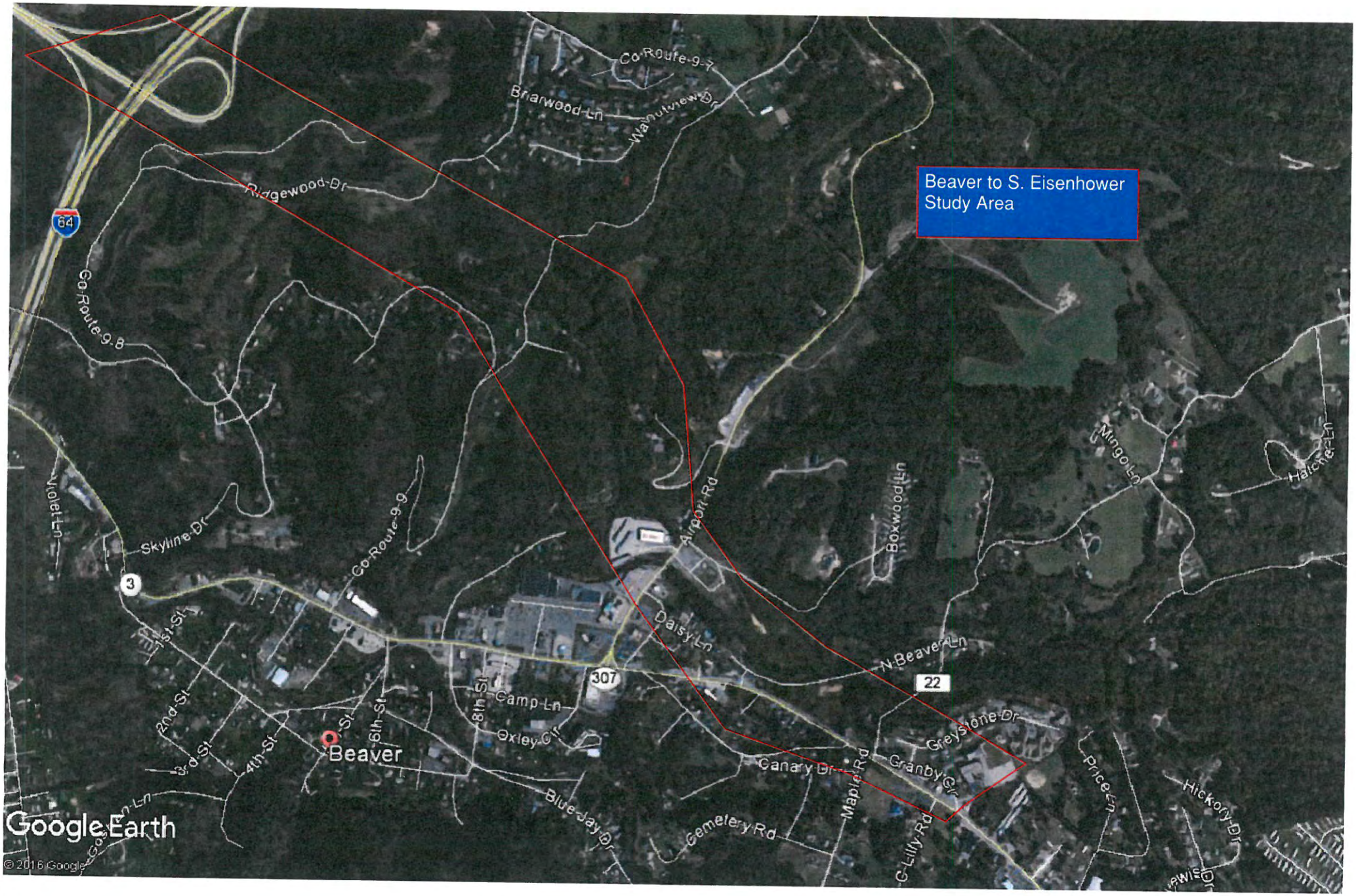
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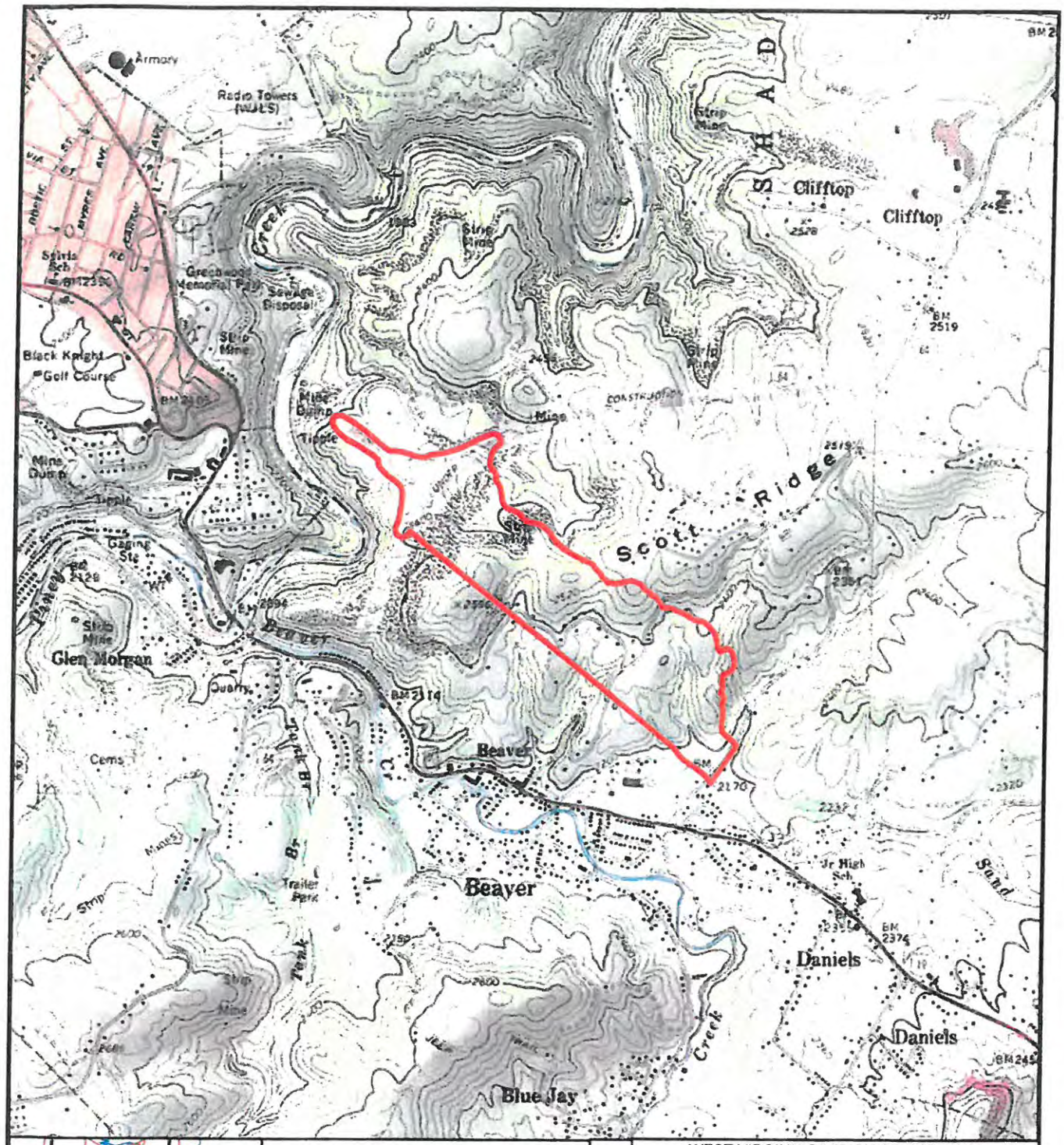

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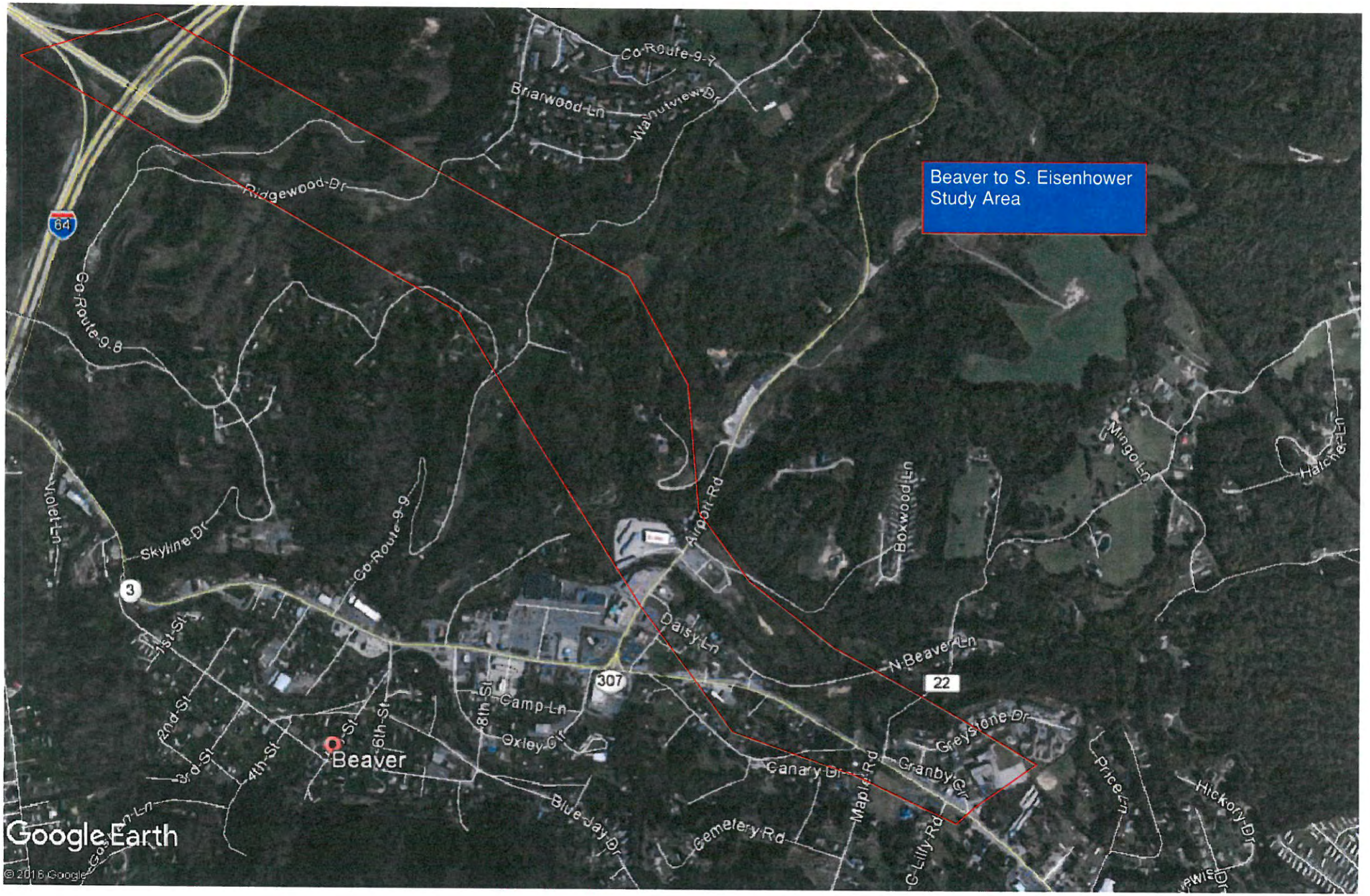
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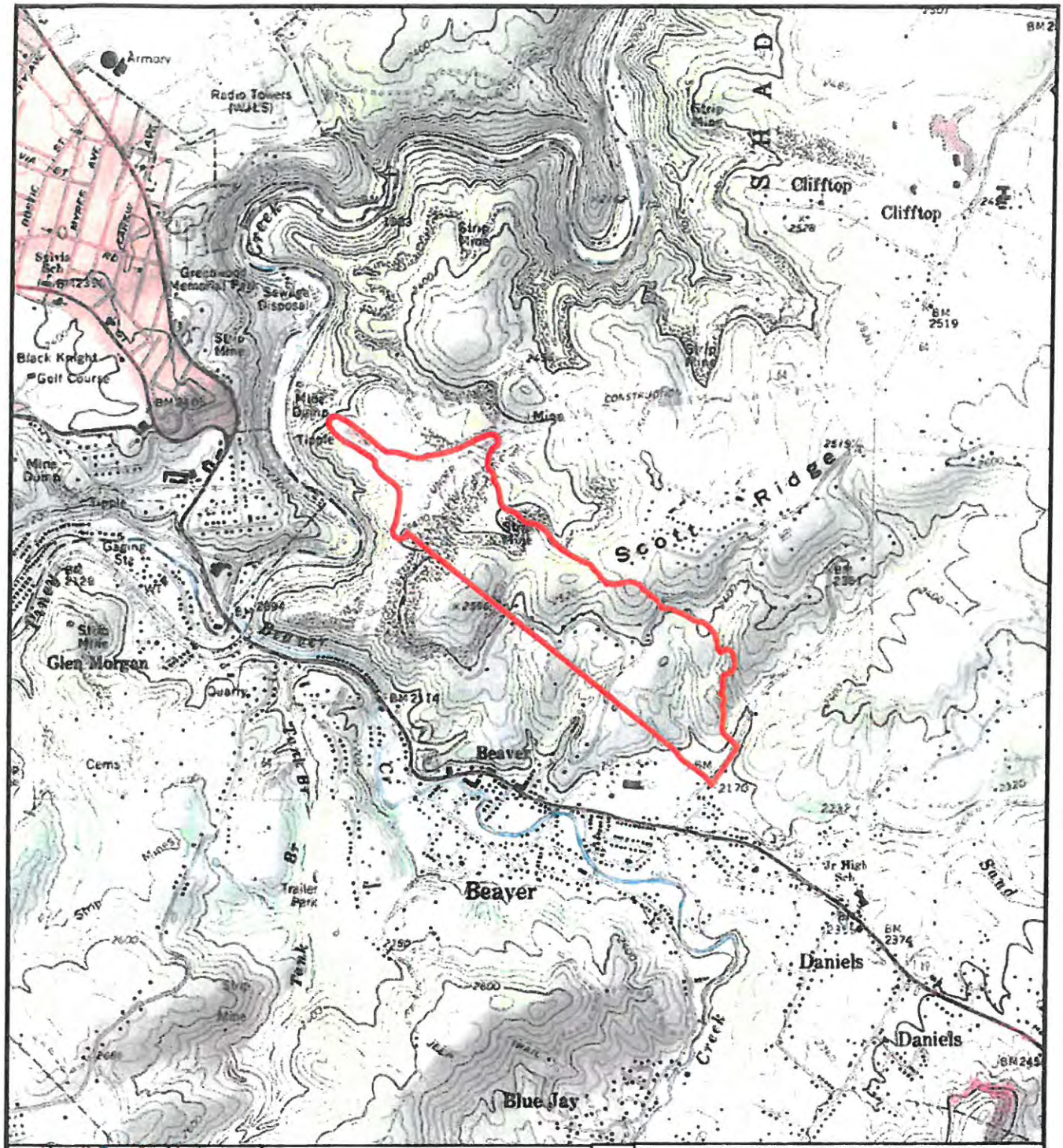

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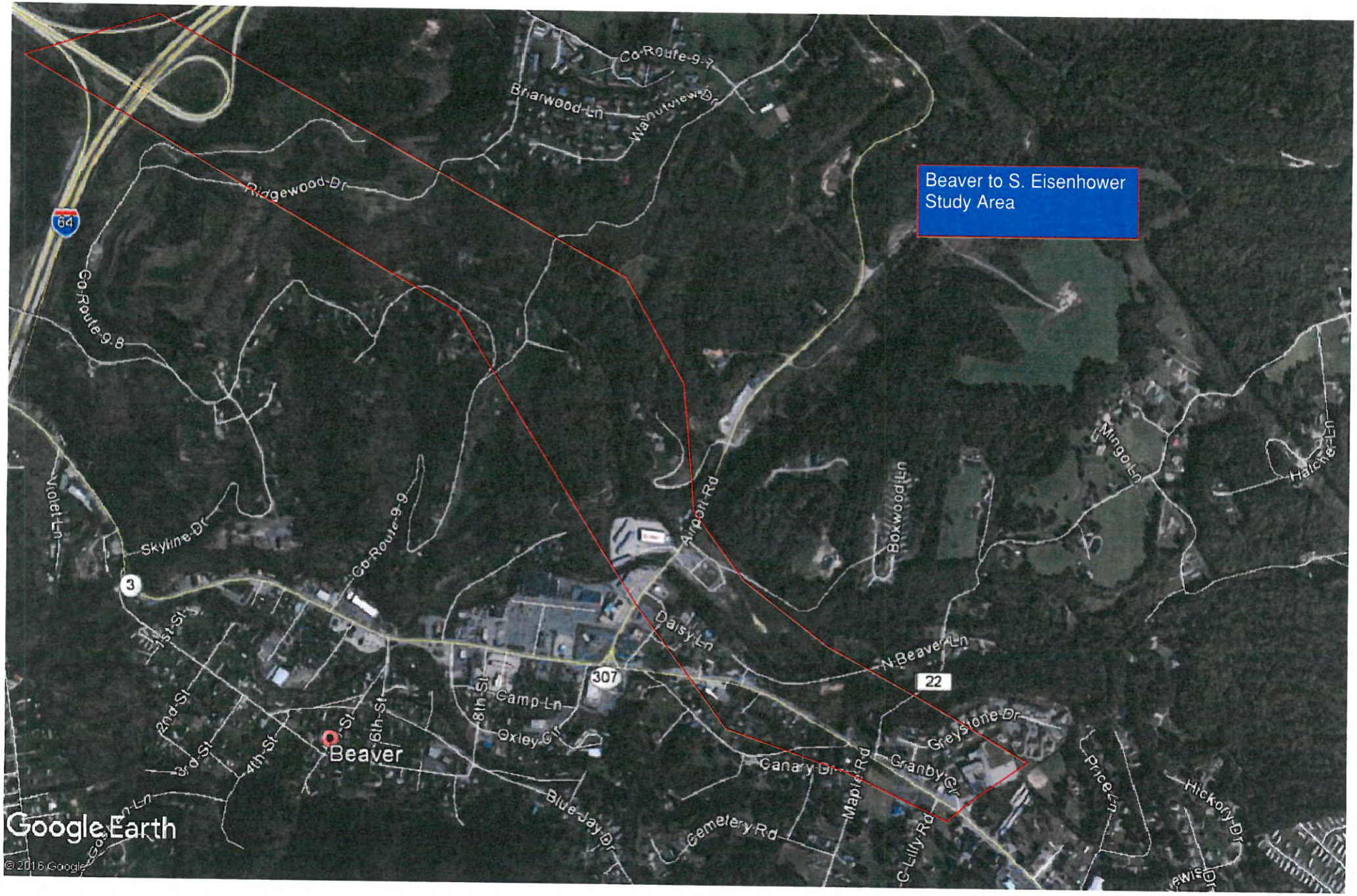
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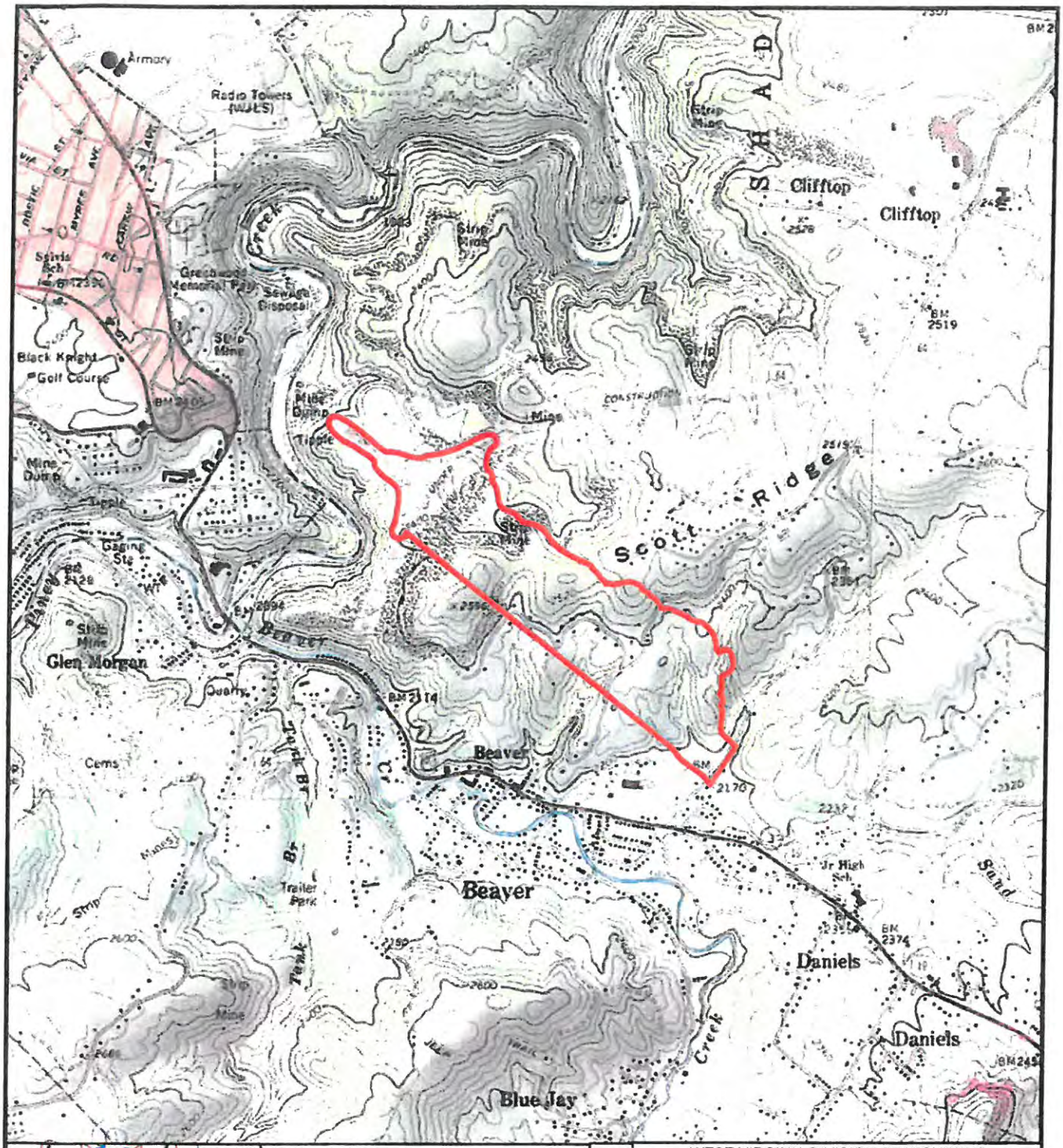

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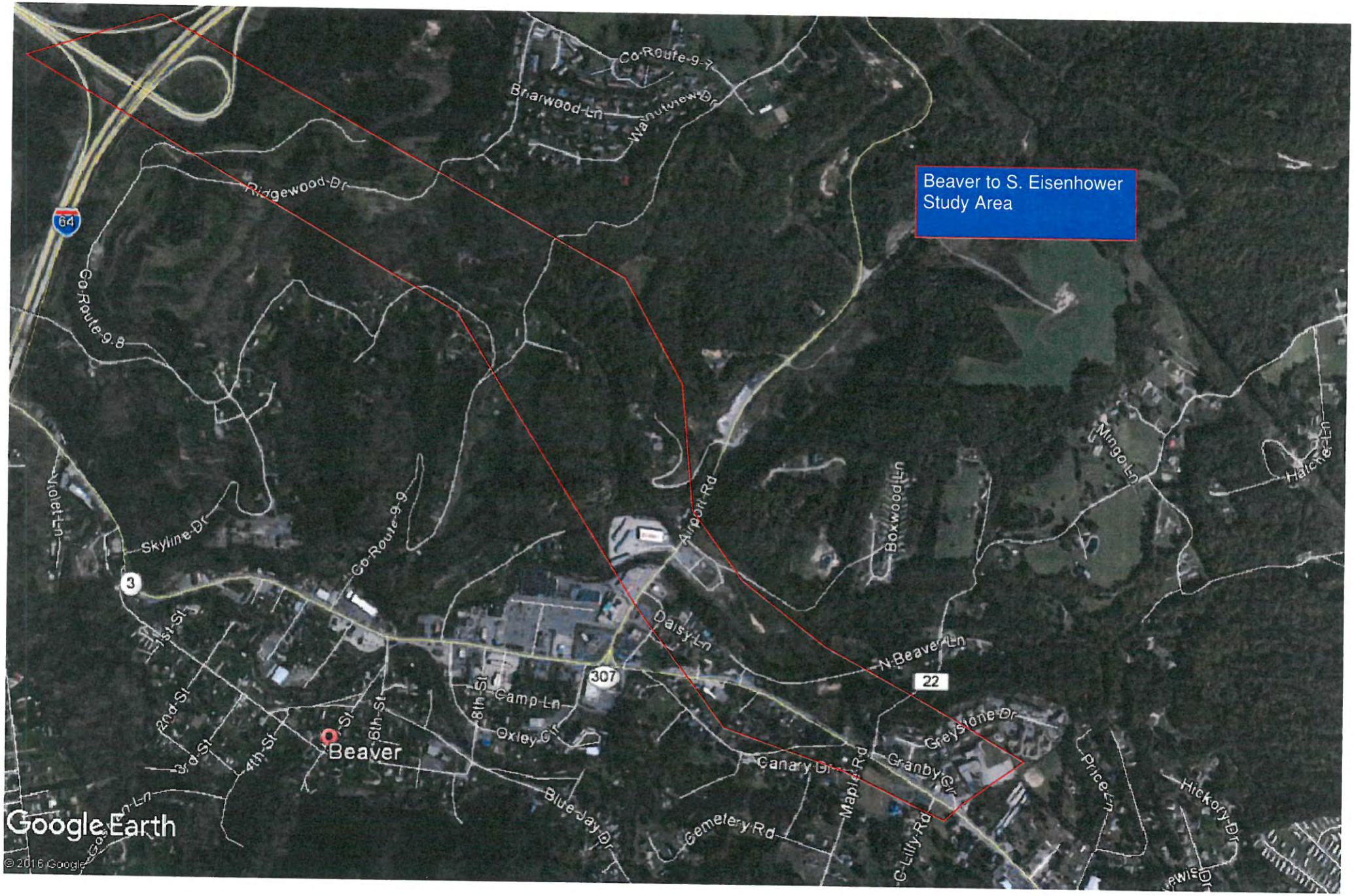
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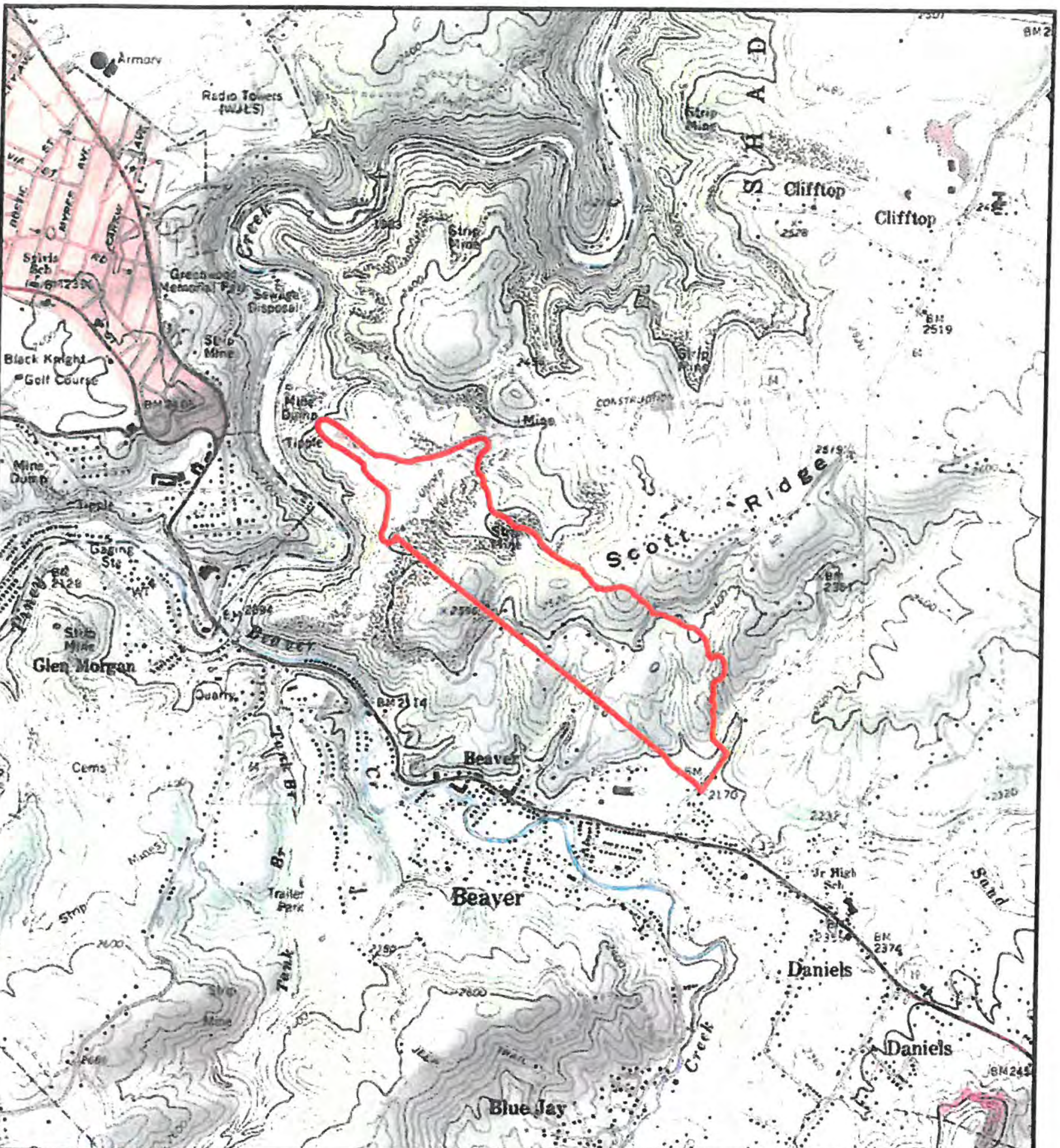

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BEAVER TO SOUTH EISENHOWER DRIVE
(BECKLEY Z-WAY)
RALEIGH COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

PROJECT LOCATION

SOURCES: USGS QUAD. SHEETS - BECKLEY, WV 1989 AND CRAB ORCHARD, WV 1977

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April 25, 2018

Mr. Micco Emarthla
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma
PO Box 45322
Grove, OK 74345

Dear Mr. Micco-Emarthla:

State Project: X341-ZWA/Y-1.00
Federal Project: STP-0019(419)D
Beckley Z-Way, Beaver to South Eisenhower
Raleigh County

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The West Virginia Division of Highways respectively requests comments by June 1, 2018.

Should you require additional information, please contact Randy Epperly of our Environmental Section at (304) 558-9385 or Randy.T.Epperly@wv.gov.

Very truly yours,

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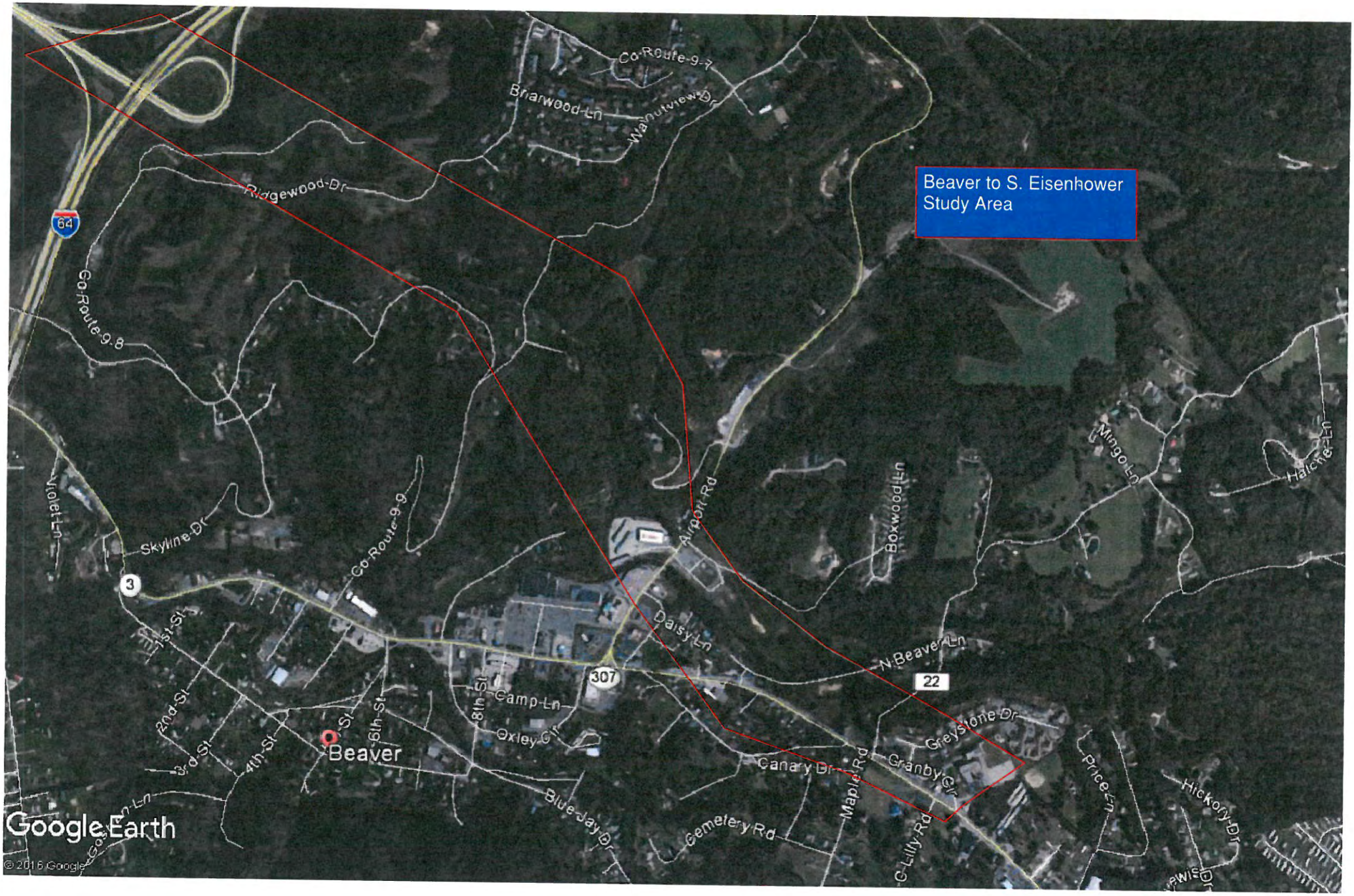
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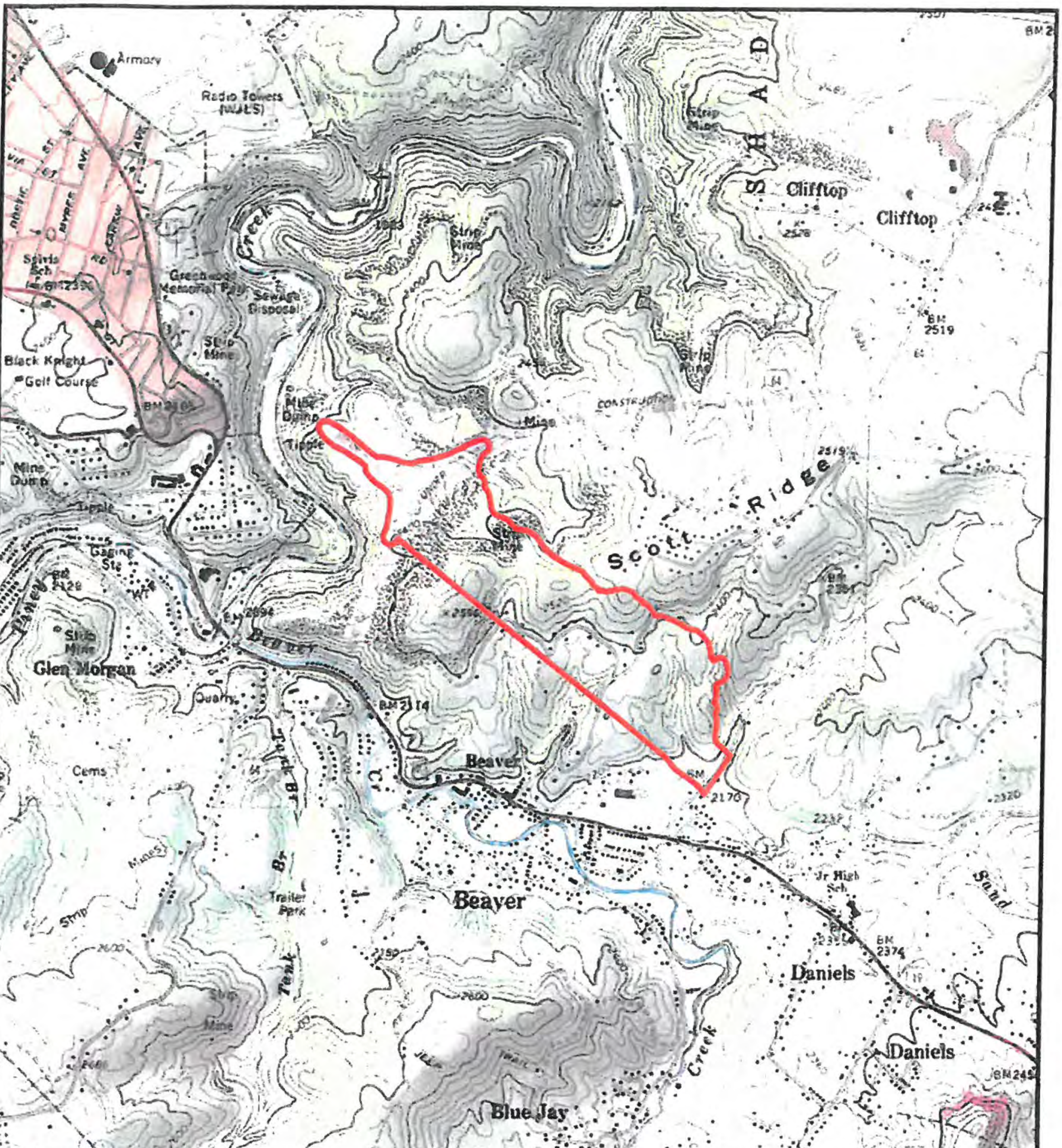

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Dear Mr. Oosahwee-voos:

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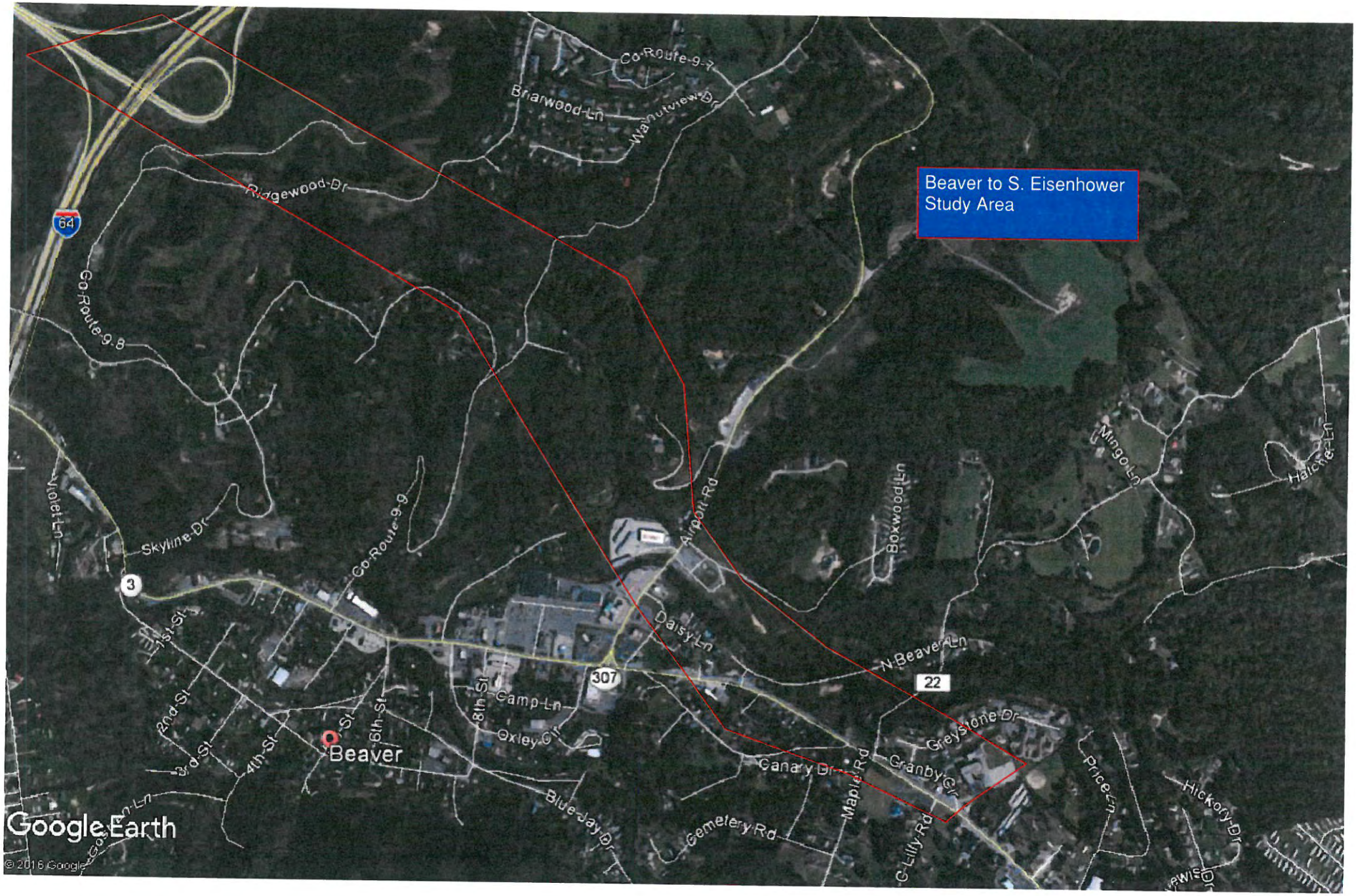
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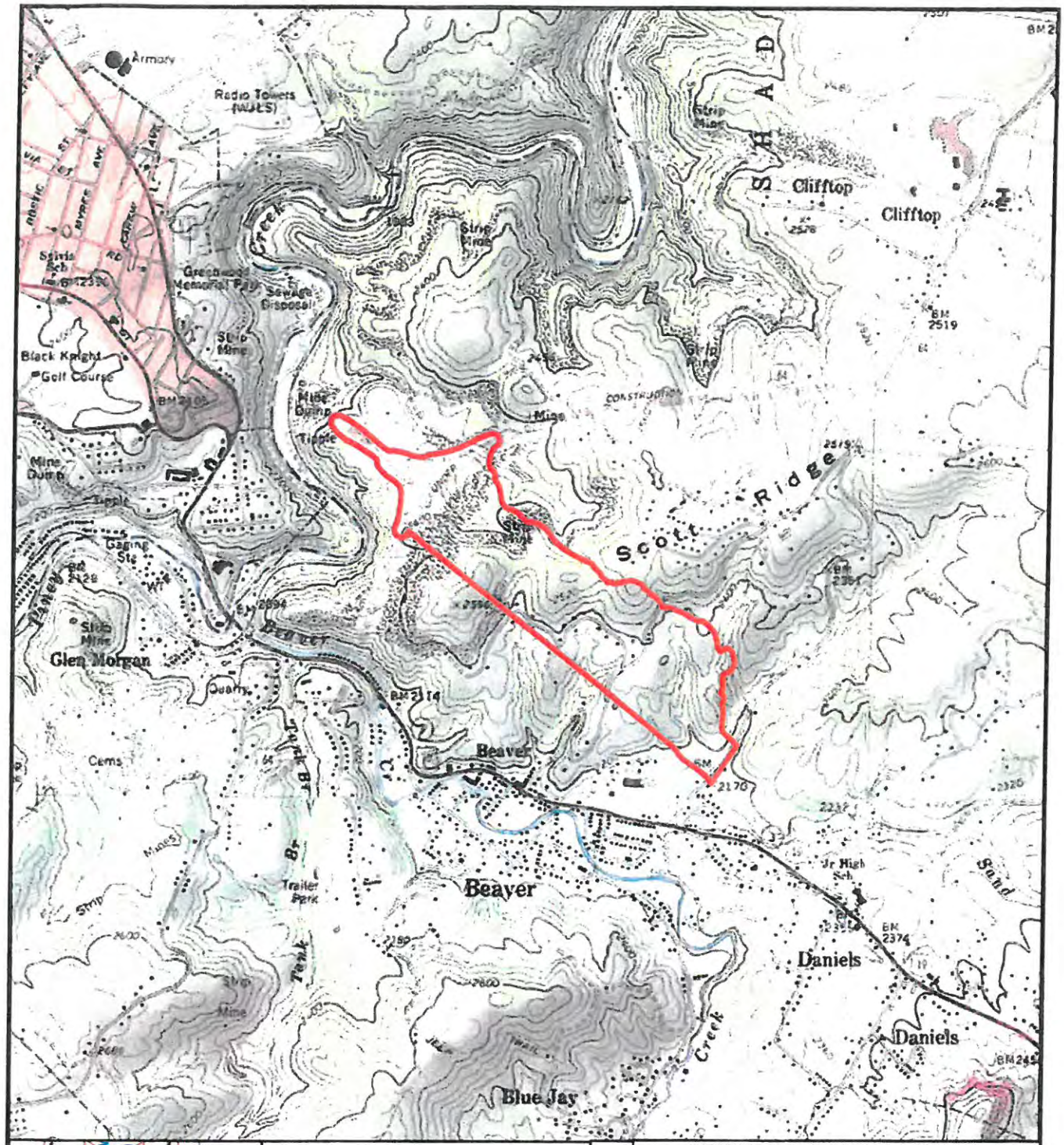

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Epperly, Randy T

From: Epperly, Randy T
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 4:30 PM
To: 'Jay Toth'
Subject: RE: WVDOT Beckley Z-Way Project Beaver-S. Eisenhower Drive

I believe we are anticipating a COE individual permit for this project.

From: Jay Toth <jay.toth@sni.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 4:18 PM
To: Epperly, Randy T <Randy.T.Epperly@wv.gov>
Subject: RE: WVDOT Beckley Z-Way Project Beaver-S. Eisenhower Drive

It may require COE approvals for the creek crossings.

Ok let me know if you need my help on anything.
Thanks
JAY

From: Epperly, Randy T [mailto:Randy.T.Epperly@wv.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 3:52 PM
To: Jay Toth <jay.toth@sni.org>
Subject: RE: WVDOT Beckley Z-Way Project Beaver-S. Eisenhower Drive

It is approximately 2 miles of roadway on a new location. It is within the Beaver Creek, Little Beaver Creek, and Piney Creek watersheds but only crosses Little Beaver Creek.

From: Jay Toth <jay.toth@sni.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 3:08 PM
To: Epperly, Randy T <Randy.T.Epperly@wv.gov>
Subject: RE: WVDOT Beckley Z-Way Project Beaver-S. Eisenhower Drive

Looks to cover a large area. I cannot tell by the map, if there are any water ways crossing the ROW.

JAY

From: Epperly, Randy T [mailto:Randy.T.Epperly@wv.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 2:59 PM
To: Jay Toth <jay.toth@sni.org>
Subject: WVDOT Beckley Z-Way Project Beaver-S. Eisenhower Drive

Jay,

Attached is a letter regarding the Beckley Z-Way, Beaver to S. Eisenhower Drive Project in Raleigh County, WV. The project is being processed as an Environmental Assessment. Please let me know if you have any comments, questions, or concerns. Thank you.

Randy Epperly
WV Division of Highways
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April 27, 2017

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Environmental Section Head
WV Division of Highways
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Charleston, West Virginia 25305

RE: Beckley Z-Way, Beaver to S. Eisenhower Drive
State Project #: X341-ZWA/Y-6.22
Federal Project #: STP-0019(420)D
FR#: 16-662-RG-5

Dear Mr. Hark:

We received the additional information submitted for the above-mentioned project to determine its effects to cultural resources. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

According to the submitted information, the WV Division of Highways (WVDOH) proposes to construct a roadway from US 19 and WV 307 (Airport Road) to Interstate 64 at the South Eisenhower Drive interchange. The new road will include three lanes, allowing for a through lane in each direction and a continuous center turning lane.

Architectural Properties:
We have reviewed the submitted information and concur with the consultant's recommendations that the seven above-ground properties surveyed within the project APE are not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The seven properties have undergone extensive changes over time and no longer reflect the materials and designs of the time periods in which they were constructed. Some have also deteriorated significantly in the past few years. The seven properties have been identified with the following SHPO site numbers: RG-0495, RG-0496, RG-0497, RG-0498, RG-0499, RG-0500, and RG-0501. No further consultation is necessary regarding architectural resources located within the described APE between WV 307 and the South Eisenhower Drive Interchange; however, we ask that you contact our office if your project should change. We understand that further documentation will be provided to our office regarding the larger Beckley Z-Way undertaking as it becomes available. We will provide further comments upon receipt of that information.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Mitchell K. Schaefer, Structural Historian, at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,

Susan M. Pierce
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

SMP/MKS

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August 3 2017

Mr. Ben Hark
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1334 Smith Street
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RE: Beckley-Z Way, Beaver to S. Eisenhower Drive
State Project # X341-ZWA/Y-6.22, Federal Project # STP-0019(420)D
FR#: 16-662-RG-6

Dear Mr. Hark:

We have reviewed the technical report titled, *Phase I Archaeological Survey Beaver to South Eisenhower Drive (Beckley Z-Way) Raleigh County, West Virginia*, that was prepared by Skelly and Loy, Inc. for the above referenced project. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

Archaeological Resources:
According to the report, a systematic Phase IB archaeological survey was conducted in the two areas that were identified during the previously completed Phase IA archaeological survey. Archaeological survey methodology included shovel probe excavation and hand-augered probes. One multi-component site, 46RG344, was identified. The prehistoric component of site 46RG344 consists of a single tertiary flake. The historic-period component consists of a low-density artifact scatter dating to the late-nineteenth to mid-twentieth centuries. The historic-period artifact assemblage consists of domestic and architectural materials in association with modern refuse materials and is associated with the ca. 1940s Gillenwater residence and/or a non-extant structure formerly located at this location. All recovered artifacts were discovered in disturbed contexts. Disturbances to site 46RG344 consist of the razing of a former structure located on site, road and driveway construction, building construction, and the importation of fill. We concur that site 46RG344 is not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places due the disturbed nature of the resource.

Cemetery Resources:
During the Phase IB archaeological survey a landowner pointed out the Gillenwater Family Burial Plot (46RG345) located in the northern portion of site 46RG344. The cemetery contains five interments ranging from 1987 to 2010. A records search demonstrated that the Gillenwater family purchased the 10-acre plot encompassing the cemetery in 1943. We concur with the determination, that due to the modern age of the cemetery, the Gillenwater Family Burial Plot is not considered eligible for inclusion

in the National Register of Historic Places. If the cemetery cannot be avoided, disinterment and reinterment should be pursued in accordance with state statutes.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Katie M. Turner, Archaeologist, at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,

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Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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August 23, 2017

Mr. Ben Hark
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Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Mr. Hark:

We have reviewed Natural Heritage Program files for information on rare, threatened and endangered (RTE) species and natural trout streams for the areas of the proposed highway projects:

RE	State Project S322-37-4.35 East Fork Bridge Lincoln County	There are no known occurrences of any RTE species or natural trout streams within the project area.
RE	State Project X341-ZWA/Y-1.00 Federal Project STP-0019(419)D Beckley Z-Way Shady Spring to Beaver Raleigh County	There are no known occurrences of any RTE species or natural trout streams within the project area.
RE	State Project U354-14-8.69 Federal Project STP-0014(136)D Mineralwells – Pettyville Wood County	There are no known occurrences of any RTE species or natural trout streams within the project area.
SM	State Project U354-14-28.05 Federal Project CMAQ-0014(147)D WV 14 & WV 31 Intersection Improvements Williamstown Roundabout Wood County	There are no known occurrences of any RTE species or natural trout streams within the project area.
RE	State Project X341-ZWA/Y-6.22 Federal Project STP-0019(420)D Beckley Z-Way Beaver to South Eisenhower Drive Raleigh County	There are no known occurrences of any RTE species or natural trout streams within the project area.

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LS	State Project S324-103/5-0.15 Venus Bottom Bridge McDowell County	There are no known occurrences of any RTE species or natural trout streams at the project site; however, surveys are required for freshwater mussels and the Big Sandy crayfish prior to any in-stream work.

The Wildlife Resources Section knows of no surveys that have been conducted in these areas for rare species or rare species habitat. Consequently, this response is based on information currently available and should not be considered a comprehensive survey of the areas under review.

Thank you for your inquiry, and should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the above number, extension 2048.

Sincerely,

Barbara Sargent
Environmental Resources Specialist
Environmental Coordination
Operations Unit