




INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

September 25, 2020

TO: Master Files

FROM: John Fleming, Division Head, Environmental Division 

SUBJECT: Job Number 061709
FAP Number STPF-0076(240)
Overhead Sign Strs. & Signs Replacement (Central AR) (S)
Various Routes, Various Sections
Garland, Pulaski and Saline Counties
Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion

The purpose of the project is to replace overhead signs and ground mounted main lane signs on various routes in Garland, Pulaski, and Saline Counties. A project location map is attached showing and listing the structures to be replaced.

The project will not involve relocations, endangered species, prime farmlands, wetlands, underground storage tanks, hazardous materials, any environmental justice issues, or cultural resources. This project has been determined to generate minimal air quality impacts for Clean Air Act criteria pollutants and has not been linked with any special mobile source air toxic concerns. The State Historic Preservation Officer's clearance is attached.

A Section 404 Permit will not be required for construction of this project.

The official species list obtained through the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Information for Planning and Consultation website lists the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), Eastern Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis ssp. jamaicensis*), Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum*), Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*), Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*), Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*), Arkansas Fatmucket (*Lampsilis powellii*), Pink Mucket (*Lampsilis abrupta*), Rabbitsfoot (*Theliderma cylindrica*), Winged Mapleleaf (*Quadrula fagosa*), Missouri bladderpod

(*Physaria filiformis*), and running buffalo clover (*Trifolium stoloniferum*) as protected species potentially occurring in the proposed project area. Based on the lack of habitat and scope of the project, it has been determined that the proposed project will have “no effect” on all listed species.

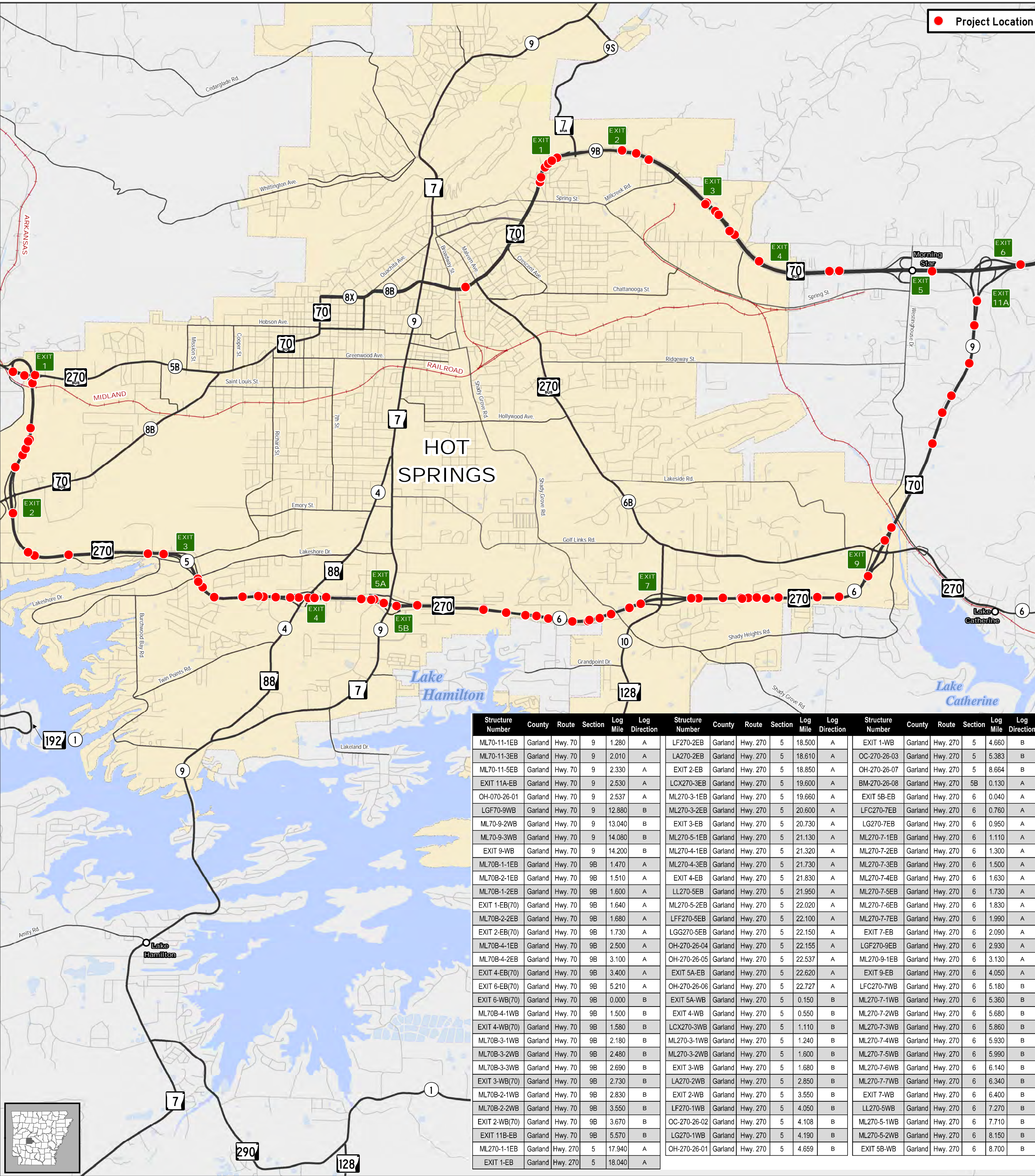
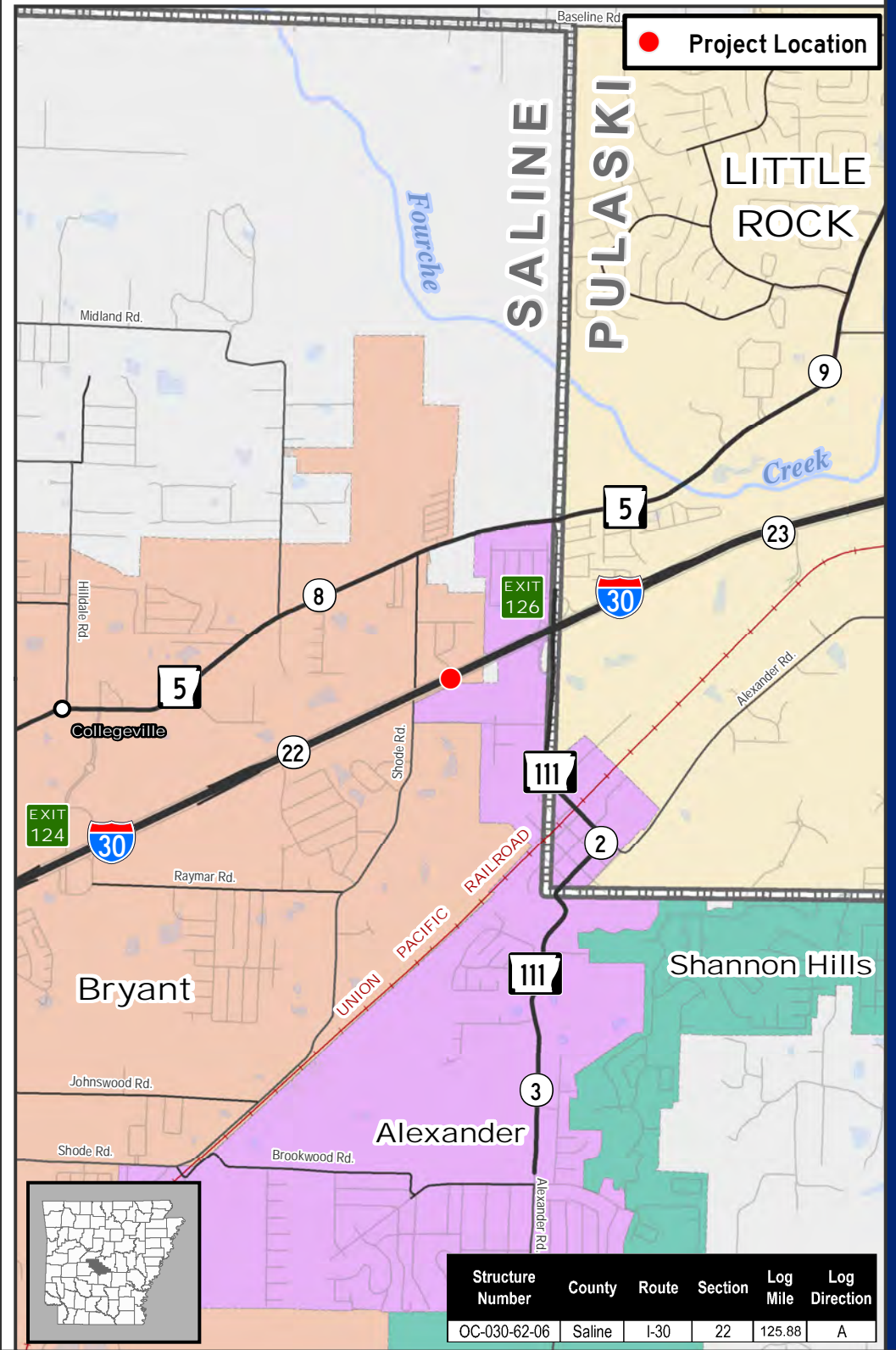
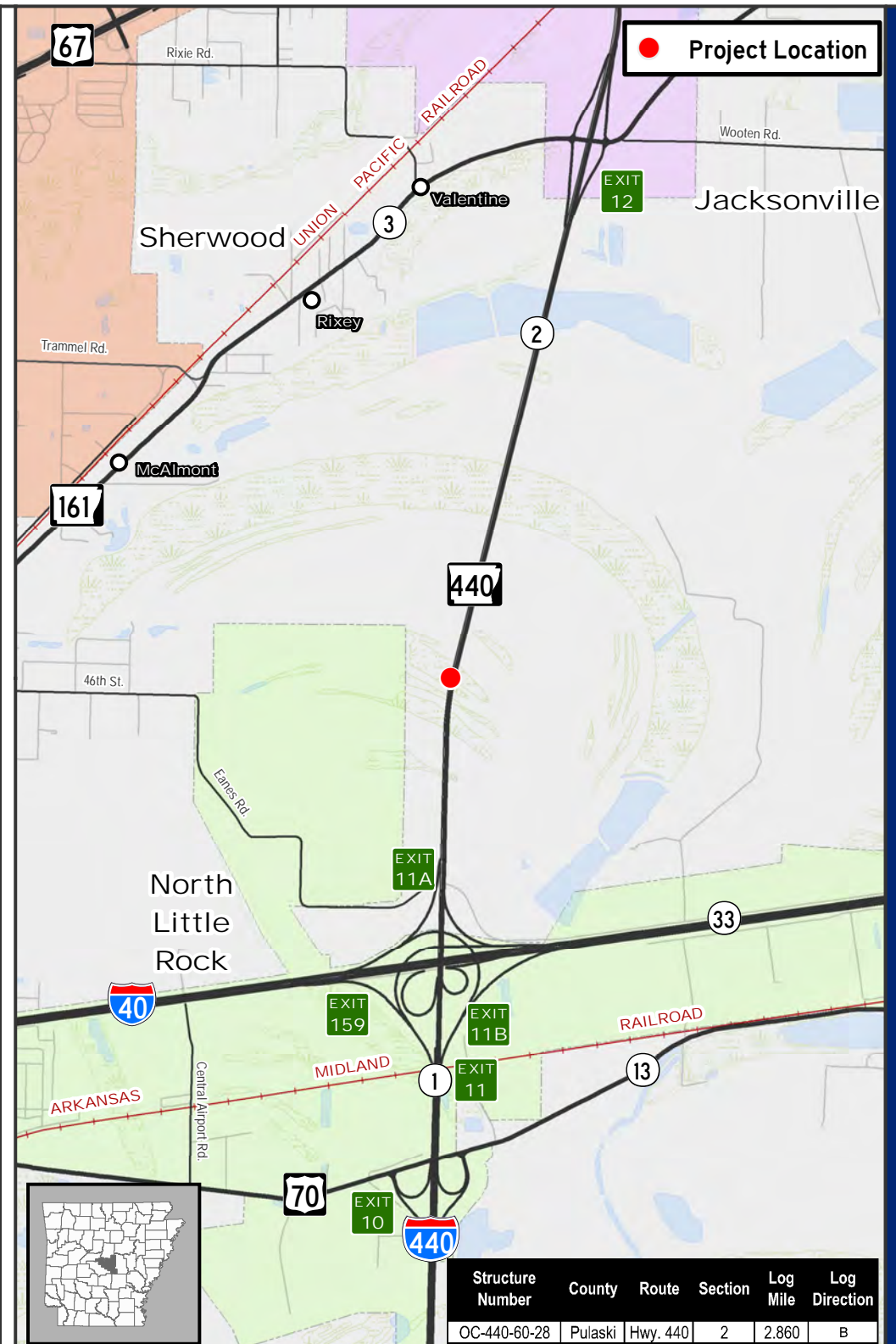
After appropriate environmental review, it has been determined that the subject job is a Tier 1 Categorical Exclusion as described by the ARDOT/FHWA Programmatic Agreement on Categorical Exclusion Documentation and Processing. A public hearing will not be offered for this project.

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Attachments:

- Location Map
- Cultural Resource Clearance
- Environmental Study Checklist

c: Program Management
Right of Way
Roadway Design
District 6
FHWA





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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

September 22, 2020

TO: Environmental Job File

FROM: Richard Jenkins, Cultural Resources 

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Clearance
Job Number 061709
Overhead Sign Strs. & Signs Replacement (Central AR) (S)
Routes 70, 270, I-30, I-440, Various Sections
Garland, Pulaski, & Saline Counties

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) proposes the replacement of signs at 94 locations on Highway 70 and Highway 270 in Hot Springs, along with two overhead sign structures and associated signs at two locations on I-440 and I-30. No new right-of-way (ROW) will be acquired.

All work will occur within existing ARDOT ROW's and the extremely limited scope of the project does not have the potential to affect any undisturbed land surfaces or historic properties. This project is subject to the 1999 MOA and falls under the exempted Work Category "Safety/Traffic Operations." This project is not considered an undertaking and requires no further work or Section 106 review.

**ARDOT ENVIRONMENTAL VERIFICATION CHECKLIST
FOR CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS**

ARDOT Job Number 061709 FAP Number STPF-0076(240)

Job Title Overhead Sign Strs. & Signs Replacement (Central AR) (S)

Environmental Resource	None	Minimal	Major	Comments-required for each item
Air Quality	X			No impacts anticipated
Cultural Resources	X			CR clearance memo attached
Economic	X			No impacts anticipated
Endangered Species	X			"No effect" determination
Environmental Justice/Title VI	X			No impacts anticipated
Fish and Wildlife	X			No impacts anticipated
Floodplains	X			No floodplain impacts
Forest Service Property	X			None in the project area
Hazardous Materials/Landfills	X			No sites in the project area
Land Use	X			Will not be impacted by the project
Migratory Birds	X			No impacts anticipated
Navigation/Coast Guard	X			None in the project area
Noise Levels	X			No increases due to the project
Prime Farmland	X			None impacted by the project
Protected Waters	X			None in the project area
Public Recreation Lands	X			None in the project area
Public Water Supply/WHPA	X			None in the project area
Relocatees	X			No relocations
Section 4(f)/6(f)	X			4(f)/6(f) resources not present
Social	X			No impacts anticipated
Underground Storage Tanks	X			No UST's in the project area
Visual	X			No changes to the visual environment
Streams	X			No impacts anticipated
Water Quality	X			No impacts anticipated
Wetlands	X			None in the project area
Wildlife Refuges	X			None in the project area

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Required? No

Short-term Activity Authorization Required? No

Section 404 Permit Required? No Type N/A

Remarks: _____

Signature of Evaluator  Date September 22, 2020