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Steve Sanders  
Gila County Public Works  
745 N Rose Mofford Way  
Globe, Arizona 85501

**Re: Proposal for Class III Cultural Resources Inventory, Gila County Beaver Valley and Park Road Projects, Gila County, Arizona**

Dear Mr. Sanders:

SWCA Environmental Consultants (SWCA) appreciates the opportunity to provide you with our scope of work and cost estimate for a cultural resources survey in support of the proposed construction of an emergency access road from an existing road in the Beaver Valley Subdivision to Forest Road 199 (Houston Mesa Road) and the relocation of a cattle guard onto Park Road. Both projects are on land administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Tonto National Forest (TNF) near Payson, Gila County, Arizona. The survey will support the TNF in its review responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The following cost proposal includes a project understanding and a summary of the scope of work, including caveats and assumptions. The total fixed-fee cost for these services, as described in the attached scope of work, is **\$5,750**. This cost includes survey of both project sites. The cost to complete the scope of work for only one of the project sites is \$4,900 (same cost for either project site).

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to work with you. If the scope of work and cost estimate are acceptable to you, please contact me for contractual arrangements. I can be reached at (520) 348-3237 or [jhesse@swca.com](mailto:jhesse@swca.com) if you have any questions regarding this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jerome Hesse", is written in a cursive style.

Jerome Hesse  
Cultural Resources Lead, SWCA Tucson

## SCOPE OF WORK

### **Class III Cultural Resources Inventory, Gila County Beaver Valley and Park Road Projects, Gila County, Arizona**

#### **PROJECT UNDERSTANDING**

Gila County Public Works is proposing the construction of an emergency access road from an existing road in the Beaver Valley Subdivision to Forest Road 199 (Houston Mesa Road). Additionally, Gila County Public Works is proposing the relocation of a cattleguard onto Park Road. Both projects are on land administered by Tonto National Forest (TNF) near Payson in Gila County, Arizona. The proposed emergency access road will be roughly 160 feet long, within a 36-foot-wide proposed right-of-way. The cattle guard will be relocated a few hundred feet north of its current position at the entrance to the Meads Collins Subdivision. To support the TNF in its review responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations (36 Code of Federal Regulations 800), SWCA Environmental Consultants proposes to conduct a Class III cultural resources inventory of the proposed new trail segments.

#### **SCOPE OF WORK**

The following tasks summarize the steps needed to complete the scope of work.

**Background Research.** Prior to fieldwork, SWCA would consult the files housed at the TNF Phoenix office for prior cultural resource projects and known cultural resources within 1.0 mile of the project area. Additionally, the National Register of Historic Places, historic General Land Office plat maps, and other historic maps and reference materials would be searched for known or suspected cultural resources. The results of the records search would be included in the Cultural Resources Survey Report, described below.

**Class III Field Survey.** Before fieldwork, SWCA will notify the TNF of SWCA's intent to conduct non-collection archaeological survey under permit number TON1112. Next, SWCA will conduct an archaeological survey of the project area. The survey will be conducted by walking one transect, covering a 15-m-wide corridor, along the centerline of the proposed emergency access road and at the proposed new location for the cattle guard. All archaeological sites and isolated occurrences will be mapped with submeter GPS and fully documented in accordance with TNF guidelines. SWCA will evaluate the significance of all identified historic and prehistoric resources for their eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

**Report.** Following completion of fieldwork, SWCA will prepare a cultural resource survey report to TNF and Arizona State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) standards. The report will include a description of the project, maps and photographs, environmental setting, background research results, survey methods, results of investigations, recommendations, and references cited. The report will provide recommendations regarding the management of cultural resources identified in the project area. SWCA will submit to the client a copy of the draft report for review, and will incorporate comments, as appropriate, into the final report that will be submitted to the TNF for approval. At the close of the project, SWCA will prepare and submit the necessary archaeological site and survey project records for the TNF.

*Fixed-fee Cost for the Class III Cultural Resources Inventory (Both Project Sites): \$5,750.00*

**Assumptions**

- This scope includes addressing no more than one round of comments on the report submitted to the TNF.
- This scope assumes that both survey locations will be surveyed in one day and a single report covering both project sites. Any changes to the project area that would require a second visit to the project sites or separate project-specific reports would require a change order.

**ALTERNATIVE SCOPE OF WORK (BEAVER VALLEY PROJECT ONLY)**

SWCA will provide the above-described scope of work for the Beaver Valley Subdivision project site only for the **Fixed-fee Cost of \$4,900.**

**ALTERNATIVE SCOPE OF WORK (PARK ROAD PROJECT ONLY)**

SWCA will provide the above-described scope of work for the Park Road project site only for the **Fixed-fee Cost of \$4,900.**