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SUBJECT: Cat Creek Mitigation Site, Macon County

The NCDOT is transmitting a final mitigation plan to the EEP. The NCDOT has not reviewed this mitigation plan or provided any comments to the consultant about this project. The project involves wetland restoration, and enhancement as well as stream mitigation (preservation, restoration, enhancement Level I and II).

- The project is located in Macon County.
- River Basin: Little Tennessee
- USGS HUC: 06010202
- Project Stage: Draft Mitigation Plan is attached for EEP's review. If EEP has comments on the draft mitigation plan, the NCDOT would like to have these comments from EEP by May 14, 2004.
- Credits:
  - Wetland: 6.47 acres of restoration, 0.82 acres of enhancement
  - Stream: 6029 credits (ratios applied in document, page 71)
- NCDOT Project Manager: Phillip Todd
- Concerns:
  - Construction on Swartwout Tract needs to be accomplished soon as there is only a Temporary Construction Easement on the upper stream reach until 2008.
  - An archaeological site is located on Swartwout Tract. The NCDOT has made commitments to Cherokee Indians and State Historic Preservation Office regarding the mitigation plan as noted by a letter from the Cherokee Indians (Appendix H).

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- The landowner (Swartwout) would like to have any waste material placed on the upper area of his tract.
- The NCDOT Office of Human Environment is evaluating the historical nature of a barn and house on the Waldroop Tract. This evaluation is likely to not affect the mitigation concept for this tract.
- Watering system on Waldroop Tract needs to be installed.

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