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Atlantic Coast Pipeline, PF15-6
 Nelson County

RE: Significant Archeological Site
 Cultural and Historic Resource
 Coleman Mills - Spruce Creek
 South Rockfish Rural Historic District
 Nellysford VA 22958

A site of significant archeological importance known as the Coleman Mills is in the direct route of the alternate for the pipeline through the Rockfish Valley. It is on property of the Rockfish Valley Foundation bounded by Glenthorne Loop, Rockfish Valley Highway and spruce Creek and on the property of Aubrey McClain on the west side of Rockfish Valley Highway in the same area. There are two early nineteenth century mill sites with significant remains. The most significant elements are a mill trace, mill races, stone and rock building remains and other supporting structures constructed by enslaved people living at the adjoining plantations. The various parts of the mill traces and waterways serving these mills run for a distance of close to a mile. A proposal exists for Phase I archeology. Another proposal exists from James Madison University for assistance with archeology work. Abstract of title records has been completed. Clearing of part of the trace has been completed. Photos are available. Contact should be made with the foundation in order to visit the sites and obtain more information. These sites are of great local significance; they should not be disturbed or eliminated by the pipeline or otherwise. They combine with the surrounding evidence of the nineteenth century Wintergreen Village, the early nineteenth century hub of the South Rockfish Valley. This area was settled by Coleman, Reid and Goodwin. The mills operated for more than ½ century and the site has been undisturbed and very important to the community. Archeology should proceed.

The abstracts of title supporting the Coleman Mills and Wintergreen Village can be provided. This research was done by Elizabeth Richardson, Richmond, VA. When provided a statement that it will not be used without proper attribution will be required.

Respectfully Submitted,

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