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March 8, 2024

Georgia Department of Community Affairs
Attn: Ms. Jennifer Dixon, Division Director, Historic Preservation Division
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329
Phone: 770-389-7844

RE: **Cellco partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) – POND_FORK - A /VZW# 16350691 – Trileaf Project #676105**
4416 Holly Springs Rd, Gillsville, Georgia 30543
Hall County, Gillsville Quadrangle (USGS)
Latitude: 34° 15' 0.48" N, Longitude: 83° 40' 41.76" W

Dear Ms. Dixon:

Trileaf Corporation is in the process of completing a NEPA Addendum at the referenced property. *Verizon Wireless* originally proposed to construct 255-foot (265-foot overall height) Self-Support Communications Tower and associated equipment within a 70-foot by 70-foot fenced compound enclosed within a 100-foot by 100-foot square foot lease area. The project includes a 30-foot-wide access/utility easement containing a 12-foot-wide gravel drive extending approximately 548 feet north-northeast, then continuing approximately 767.89 feet east-northeast along an existing gravel drive towards Holly Springs Road. The proposed project area is located within a wooded area.

In April 2021, Trileaf Corporation (Trileaf) performed a cultural resource inventory survey for the proposed telecommunications site. Archival research included a review of the Georgia State Historic Preservation Office GNAHRGIS GIS platform identified (2) historical resources (100507 and 100506), located within the project's ¾-mile APE for Visual Effects, with no prior determination of eligibility, but included for inclusivity. A review of archaeological sites and surveys, conducted through Georgia Archaeological Site Files (GASF 2021) by Zach Horne, M.A., RPA on April 8, 2021, identified no previously recorded archeological sites, and four (4) archaeological surveys (2026, 4117, 8362, and 12873) that were identified within 1-mile of the proposed project area. An archaeological survey conducted on April 21, 2021, of the project's Direct APE recorded no new archaeological sites. Based on these findings, Trileaf recommended no historic properties in the Direct APE and the Visual APE.

On May 17, 2021, Trileaf Corporation received a courtesy email from the Georgia Historic Preservation Division (HPD) notifying that they received a project for review on April 19, 2021, but that HPD will allow the 30-day review period to lapse without a response. Further, the email indicated the lack of official response does not imply concurrence with the finding or conclusions. Under Section VII B.2 of the NPA, *if the SHPO/THPO does not provide written notice to the Applicant that it agrees or disagrees with the Applicant's determination of no Historic Properties affected within 30 days following receipt of a complete Submission Packet, it is deemed that no Historic Properties exist within the APE or the Undertaking will have no effect on Historic Properties. The Section 106 process is then complete, and the Applicant may proceed with the project, unless further processing for reasons other than Section 106 is required.* A search of GNAHRGIS on March 8, 2024, revealed that no new NRHP-listed or eligible historic resources have been recorded in the APE-DE and APE-VE since the 2021 survey. In addition, it is anticipated that no new archaeological sites or surveys have been recorded within the APE-DE since the 2021 archaeological survey. Based on the results of the previous cultural resources investigation, and the current background research findings, Trileaf still recommends that there will be No Historic Properties in the Direct APE and in the Visual APE.

Please contact me at s.emory@trileaf.com; (410) 853-7128, ext. 913 if you need any additional information or have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott A. Emory".

Scott Emory, M.A., RPA
Cultural Resources Project Manager