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United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Blue Ridge Parkway
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May 4, 2007

Mr. Bob Heafner
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Dear Mr. Heafner:

The purpose of this letter is to follow up on recent correspondence with you regarding the possibility of an African American cemetery at Meadows of Dan.

A National Park Service archeologist familiar with ground penetrating radar recently found nine graves in the agricultural lease at the Meadows of Dan. The graves have been marked temporarily, and we are actively discussing how to delineate the cemetery permanently. The permittee who uses the agricultural lease has been notified of the location and is working with local Parkway staff to protect the site. Though not formally funded, park staff is continuing research of the burials as time permits.

We are excited to finally learn the location of the burials. My thanks are extended to Mindy DeCesar for finding a way to gather this information.

I will keep you informed of any new developments as we proceed, and please call me at 828-271-4779 ext. 209 if you wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Bambi Teague
Chief, Resource Management and Science