

November 6, 2009

Mr. Jamie Fosburgh  
Wild & Scenic Rivers Program  
National Parks Service  
15 State Street  
Boston, MA 02109

Dear Mr. Fosburgh,

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Highway Division is currently at the initial design stages associated with the reconstruction of the Route 18 Bridge over the Taunton River in the towns of Bridgewater and Middleborough. MassDOT is anticipating that activities associated with the reconstruction of the bridge will result in direct impact to the river and will therefore require review by the Army Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Federal Clean Water Act. MassDOT will be requesting that the project be permitted under the Massachusetts Programmatic General Permit.

MassDOT is requesting that National Parks Service's preliminary review of the 25% roadway design plans and the scope of work so that we can address any potential issues prior to proceeding to future design stages. The bridge design will be started in the near future, which will then set the limits of slope work.

If you have any questions, please contact ABC Consultant at 617-555-5555.

Sincerely,

ABC Consultant

cc: MassDOT Highway Division Environmental Services  
MassDOT Highway Division Project Manager