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**Subject:** KYTC Red River Gorge Planning Study

Dear Valued Stakeholder,

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) has assembled a study team to evaluate the Travel and Roadway Conditions within the Red River Gorge Area. The study includes both short- and long-term improvement strategies that KYTC may use for further project development and implementation. Through examination of roadway characteristics, traffic patterns, crashes, and community concerns in the study area, this study will identify costs and impacts associated with several improvement options.

**We are requesting your agency's valuable input and comments on this study as part of the KYTC planning process.**

**Information and Study Details are conveniently located on the Study website: [RRGStudy.com](https://www.kytc.gov/RRGStudy.com)**

**We are asking that you provide the following information:**

- ? Significant issues or concerns in the study area that may need to be addressed so a potential future project can be adequately scoped.
- ? Any conservation or development plans your agency or organization has ongoing or is aware of in the study area.
- ? Locations of any known areas, issues, or resources within the study area that should be considered when analyzing improvement concepts so impacts may be minimized or avoided early in the process.
- ? Any mitigation strategies that should be considered during future project development.

We respectfully ask that you provide us with your comments by **April 15, 2023**, to ensure timely progress in this planning effort. We appreciate any input you can provide concerning this project. Please direct any comments, questions, or requests for additional information to the following:

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Dear Mr. Jason K. Blackburn, P.E.

Thank you for your March 7 e-mail and for including the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) in your outreach efforts for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) Red River Gorge Area study. The study area includes the Bert T. Combs Mountain Parkway which has been formally designated as Corridor I within the Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS). Since the initial construction of Corridor I has been completed, the ARC does not have any input or comments regarding your study at this time.

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The ARC very much appreciates your continuing interest in improving transportation within the Appalachian region.



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Jason,

Below are comments the Water Quality Certification Section has on the proposed project.

Any impacts to the following surface waters will require an individual Water Quality Certification:

Middle Fork Red River (CAH, OSRW): Crosses Nada Tunnel Rd

Red River (OSRW): Crosses Nada Tunnel Rd, Runs along KY 715, Crosses Sky Bridge Rd

Wolfpen Creek (OSRW): Crosses KY 715

Gladie Creek (CAH): Crosses Sky Bridge Rd

Swift Camp Creek (CAH): Runs along Sky Bridge Rd

Two springs along roads in study area:

Nada Spring: On Nada Tunnel Road near Nada Tunnel

Trail Spring: Near Sky Bridge Rd crossing of Red River

No Mitigation Sites inside study area.

No Karst Topography inside study area.

No Sink holes inside study area.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Regards,

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