

Appendix C: Tribal Government-to-Government Documentation

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July 17, 2019

Ms. Susie Newport
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
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Dear Ms. Newport:

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Mr. Brett Barnes
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
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Wyandotte, OK 74370

Dear Mr. Barnes:

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July 17, 2019

Mrs. Alina J. Shively
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P.O. Box 14
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Dear Mrs. Shively:

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Kialegee Tribal Town; P.O. Box 332;
Wetumka, OK 74883

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Billy Cypress
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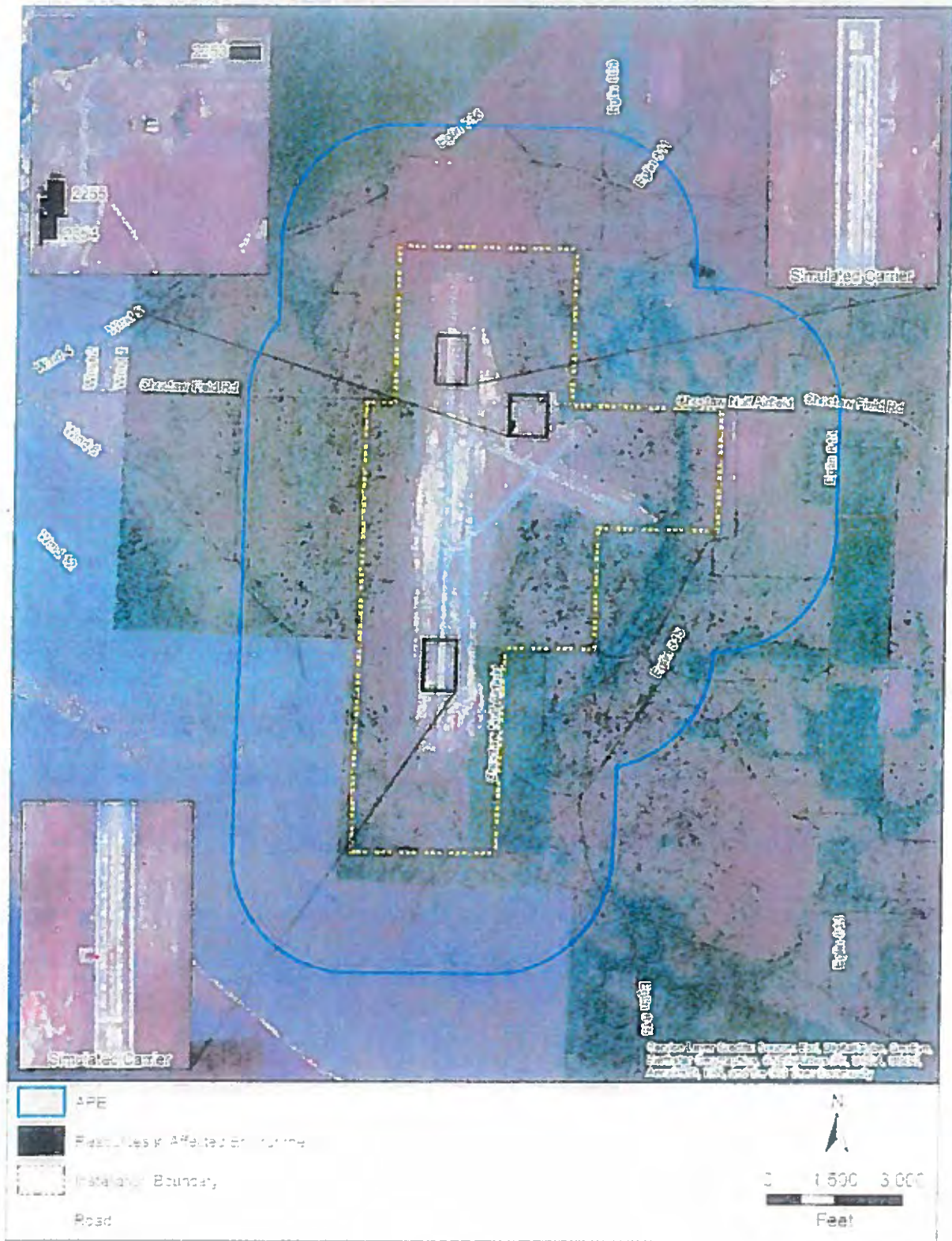


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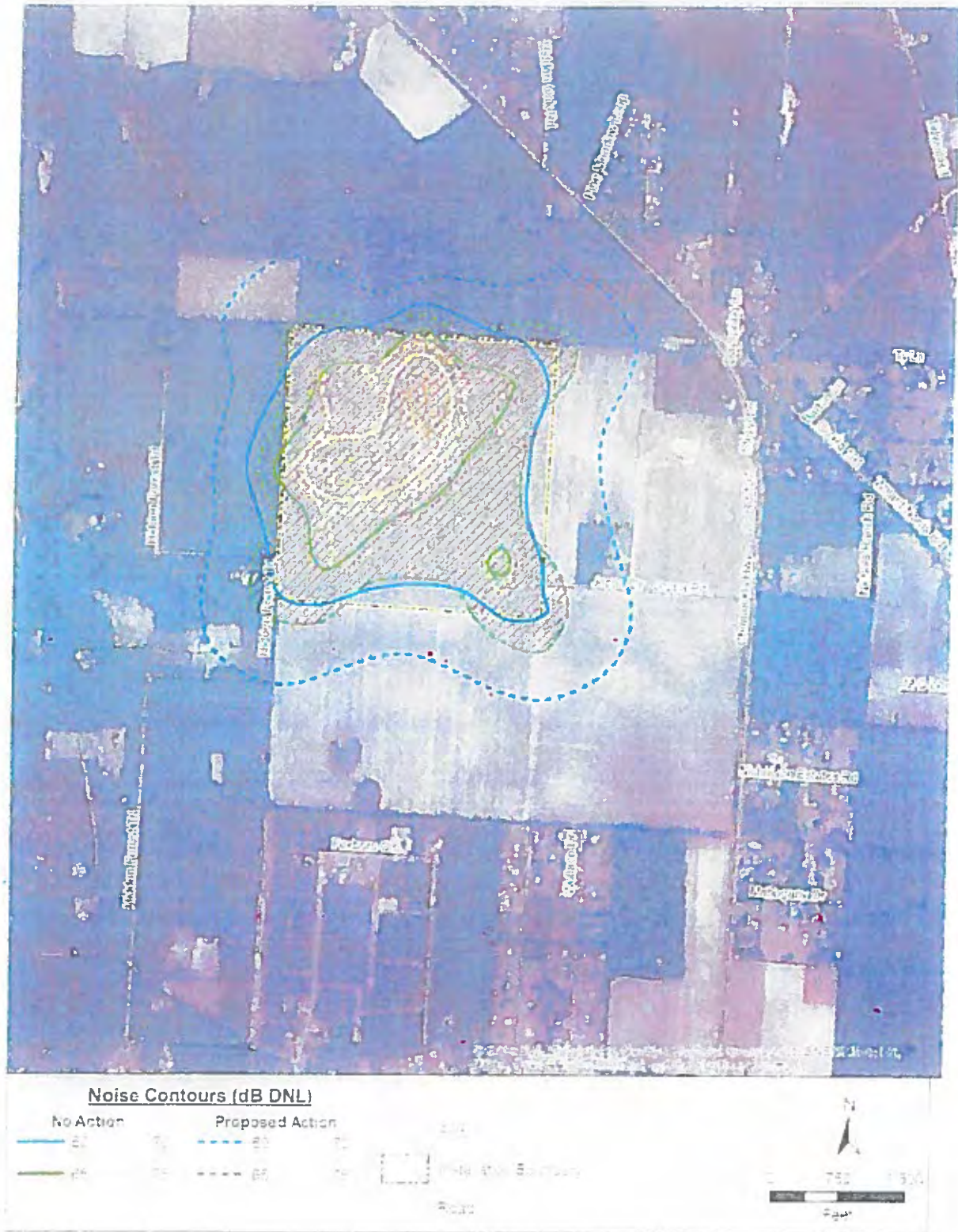
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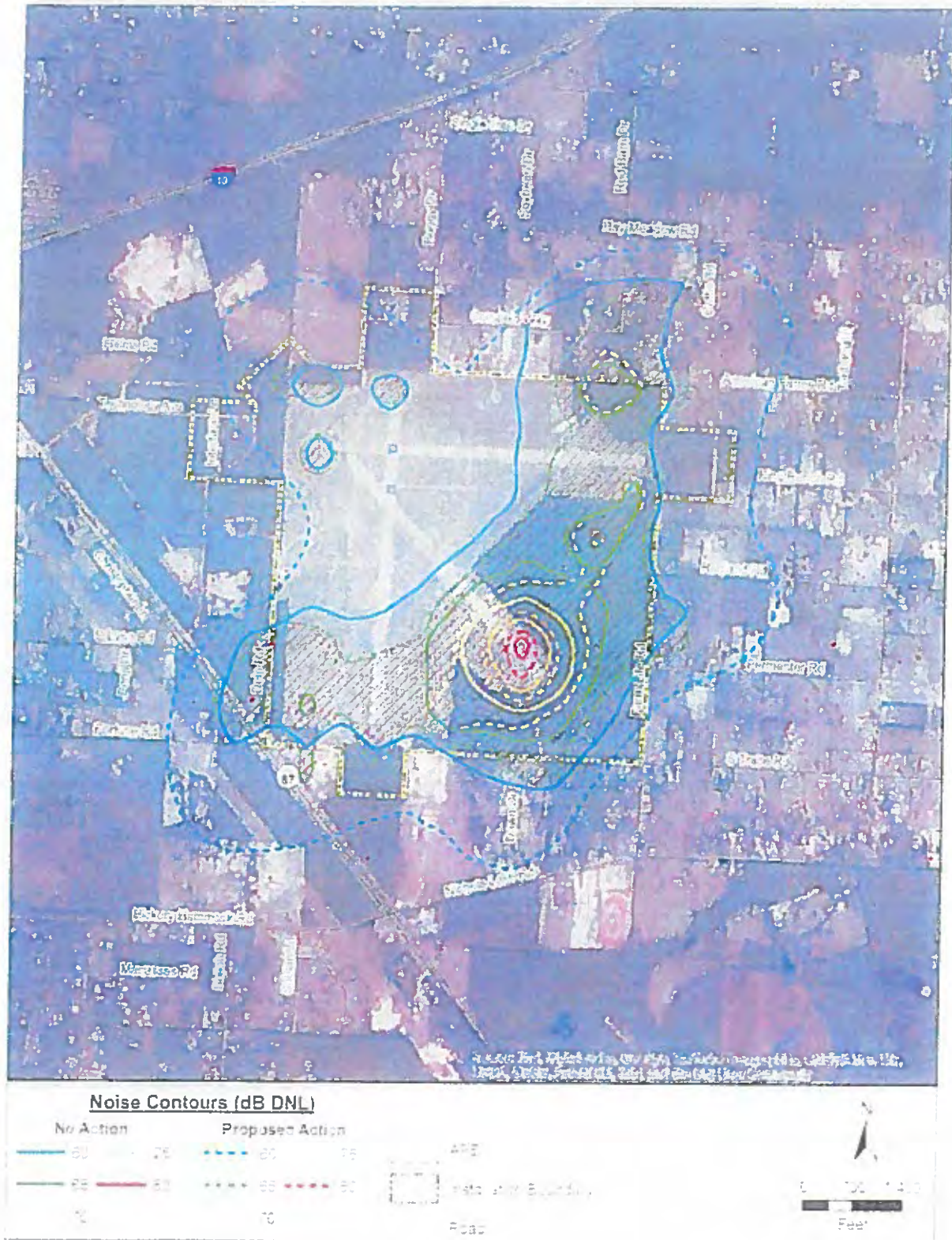
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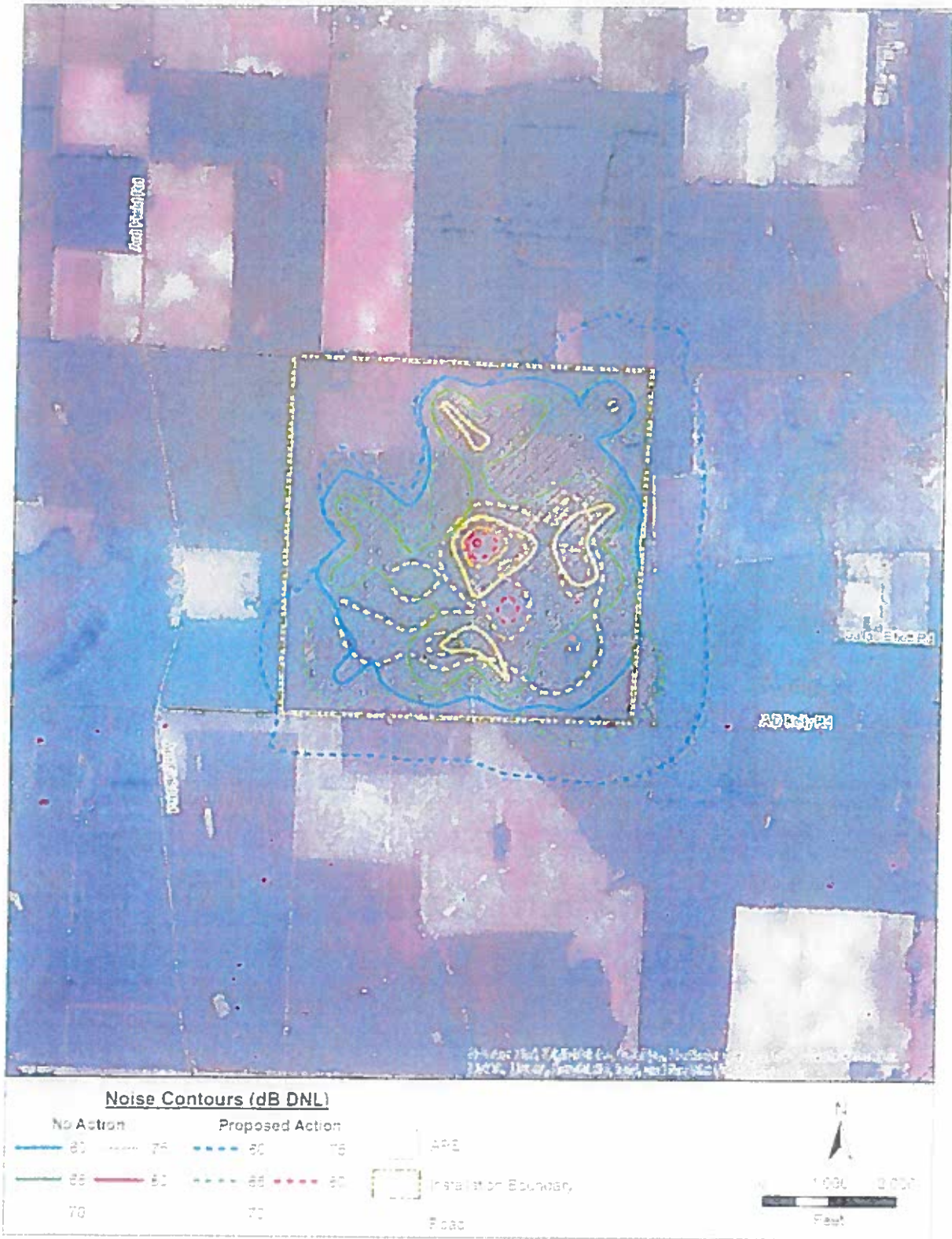
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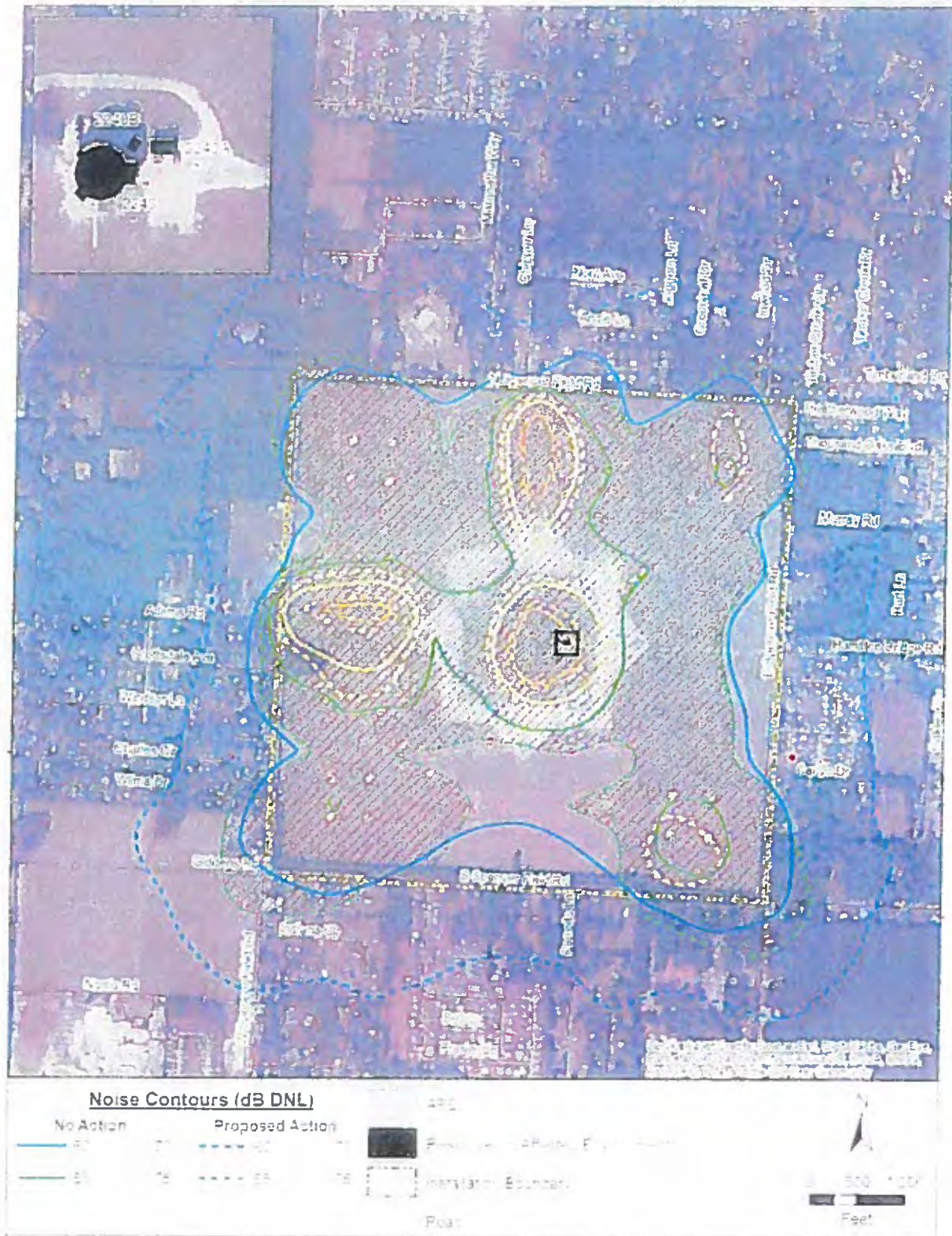
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Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2019 2:08 PM

To: Bowdich, Paul D CAPT USN NAS WFLD MILTON FL (USA) <paul.d.bowdich@navy.mil>

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Section 106 Determination for Proposed Undertaking to implement the Advanced Helicopter Training System at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field and its associated Navy Outlying Landing Fields in Florida.

Dear Captain Bowdich, U.S. Navy,

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Aliilamo (thank you),

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Acting Section 106 Coordinator
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
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Sent: Monday, August 5, 2019 11:32 AM
To: Roy, Randy R CIV USN (US) <randy.roy@navy.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Letter from Naval Air Station Whiting Field Florida

This letter is in response to the above referenced project.

The Shawnee Tribe's Tribal Historic Preservation Department concurs that no known historic properties will be negatively impacted by this project.

We have no issues or concerns at this time, but in the event that archaeological materials are encountered during construction, use, or maintenance of this location, please re-notify us at that time as we would like to resume immediate consultation under such a circumstance.

If you have any questions, you may contact me via email at tonya@shawnee-tribe.com

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,

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Dear Captain Bowdich,

Thank you for contacting the Seminole Tribe of Florida – Tribal Historic Preservation Office (STOF-THPO), Compliance Section regarding the Advanced Helicopter Training System at Naval Air Station Whiting Field and Associated NOFL's, Florida undertaking.

The proposed undertaking does fall within the STOF Area of Interest. We have reviewed the documents you provided and have no objections to the project at this time as long as a Secretary of the Interior qualified archaeologist is present to monitor construction related ground disturbing activities. Despite what appears to be extensive previous disturbances in the Area of Potential Effect, past experience has shown us that there still remains a possibility of intact cultural resources in these settings. We also base our "no objection" assessment on our understanding that no new construction or ground disturbance will be occurring on any of the six Navy Outlying Landing Fields (NOFLs) mentioned in your July 17, 2019 consultation letter. Please notify us if any archaeological, historical, or burial resources are inadvertently discovered during any phase of project implementation. Thank you and feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Most Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bradley M. Mueller". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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