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March 18, 2019

Mr. Jeremy Goodwin, PE, CPESC, CPSWQ NC Department of Transportation Roadside Environmental Unit 15576 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27669-1557

Subject:

Trout Buffer Waiver

17.BP.11.R.118, SR 1340 (Meat Camp Road) over North Fork New River

Watauga County Bridge No. 0083 Replacement

TB-WATAU-2019-001

Watauga County

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

This office has received your plan for the replacement of Bridge No. 0083, SR 1340 (Meat Camp Road), in Watauga County, North Carolina. Your plan was submitted to this office for approval because of the proposed encroachments into the buffer zone of designated trout waters. In accordance with NCGS 113A-57(1) and Title 15A NCAC 4B .0125(c), this letter will serve as written approval to encroach on the buffer zones of the North Fork of the New River in Watauga County (Class: C; Tr; ORW) and on the buffer zone of Maine Branch (Class: C;Tr;ORW). This authority has been delegated to me by Tracy E. Davis, Director, Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources, in accordance with NCGS 143B-10. The following conditions will apply to this approval:

- 1. This approval is based on the plan and supplemental information received via electronic mail on March 5, 2019.
- 2. This approval is conditional upon compliance with your 401 and 404 approvals. (G.S. 113A-54.1 (a))



- 3. This approval does not absolve the permittee from compliance with the surface water quality turbidity standard. More protective erosion and sedimentation control measures may be required in order to comply with this water quality standard. (G.S. 113A-54.1(a))
- 4. All bank repairs, stabilization, grading, or any other disturbances within the 25-foot buffer zone shall be completed by the end of each day. Work shall be scheduled so that at the end of each day bare ground is not exposed and all disturbed areas including banks shall have an adequate temporary or permanent ground cover in place.

Your cooperation in protecting our environment is most appreciated. If you have any questions about this approval, please contact me at <u>Matt.Gantt@ncdenr.gov</u> or (336) 776-9654.

Sincerely,

Matthew E. Gantt, PE Section Chief for Regional Operations Land Quality Section

Cc: William E. Vinson, Jr., PE, CPM, CPESC, DEMLR Section Chief for Program Operations (via email)

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