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Subject: Ft. Attaway question

Mark--

Thanks for the additional cross-sections. It looks to me like the area in "front" of the main fort will not be a major problem, but the steep slope in front of the westernmost rifle pits is going to be cut into pretty dramatically. What is the feasibility of building a retaining wall in this area, say between Stations 520 and 600? I know this would involve about an equivalent amount of ground disturbance at the outset, but it looks to me like after the wall was constructed it might be possible to "restore" as much as a third (and maybe more) of the disturbed ground to its original profile behind the retaining wall, thereby "restoring" some of the setting of the rifle pits, providing additional buffer between the rifle pits and the railroad, and possibly obscuring at least some of the view of the railroad from the rifle pits.

If this is possible, we might be able in good conscience to work out something with the boundary and 4(f). But with those deep cuts as currently proposed, I'm worried right now about impacts to the rifle pits.